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# Hope Star

**WEATHER FORECAST**
Arkansas Cloudy colder this afternoon, tonight. Occasional snow flurries. Continued cold Wednesday. High this afternoon low 30s; low tonight 16-22.
Experiment Station report for 24-hour-period ending at a. m. uesday High 51, Low 30. precipitation .05

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## Snow Falling Over Many Parts of U. S.

By United Press

The first full day of winter brought a severe cold wave and snow storm whistling across the Northern Plains into the Great Lakes area today and forecasters said wide sections of the country were assured of a white Christmas.

Driving was hazardous in the storm area. Snow hid a thin layer of ice from preceding rain.

Winds of 40 miles an hour accompanied the cold wave. Temperatures fell to six below zero at Sioux City, Ia. Chicago expected a low of zero or below.

Glasgow, Mont, has 15 below today.

Snow reached depths of 10 inches at Kirksville, Mo., and eight inches at Kansas City. Most sections had three to five inches and high winds piled it into road-blocking drifts.

A snow storm snarled traffic and closed schools in parts of the Midwest on the first full day of winter today.

"Cold wave warnings" were issued early today for Nebraska, Illinois, Indiana and Southeastern Wisconsin. The weathermen predicted temperatures would fall to 15 below zero in Nebraska and from zero to five above in the other areas. Kansas and Missouri could also expect near zero readings.

Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan were warned to expect moderate to heavy snow storms.

Travel was described as extremely hazardous in Eastern Kansas and Northern Missouri as biting winds piled the new snow across some roads.

In other areas the winds swept roads clear, baring a thin layer of treacherous ice.

Ahead of the storm front rain and drizzle fell on the eastern and southern states, with more forecast. However, amounts were light.

Snow fell over the Rocky Mountain region and in a broad band from the Western Great Lakes southwestward to the Texas panhandle.

The mercury fell as low as 20 degrees as far south as the Lone Star state.

Fargo, N. D., reported a morning temperature of three degrees below zero and Huron, S. D., had one below.

West of the Rockies and over the Gulf States the weather was generally fair.

Winter began at 10:32 p.m. EST last night when the sun reached its southernmost point and began its slow return.

The full bite of the cold wave was not scheduled to hit the country's midsection until tomorrow night, after the snowfall stops. Nebraskans were warned to expect readings as low as 15 below zero.

The snow and drizzle made some roads hazardous. Near Victor, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lash of Deep River, Ia., were killed when their auto skidded out of control of a sleet-covered road.

## West Europe Cautious on Kremlin Reply

LONDON (UP) — All of Western Europe cautiously hailed the Kremlin's long-awaited Christmas greeting today even though it failed to answer President Eisenhower's main plea for peace on earth.

The Soviet message, an offer to negotiate an East-West atomic truce, was made known in Moscow yesterday to newsmen and given to the Russian man-on-the-street today in his daily newspaper.

Observers gave the message a thorough reading and found it reline and hedged on Mr. Eisenhower's historic proposal for creation of an atomic reservoir, with all nations contributing in part to its maintenance.

Pratt's village smithly, established in 1678 at Essex, Conn. is believed by local residents to be the oldest U. S. business to be operating methods between about 3,000


Time to wrap the presents,
Finish cleaning house—
Get ready for the evening
When all's quiet as a mouse.

LOSES BATTLE — The home of Ray Tissue at Surfside, Calif., loses its battle with relentless waves of the Pacific Ocean as it crumbles and falls into the sea. Mr. Tissue's home is the third washed away in three yays. — NEA Telephoto

## Ex-Prisoner Who Felt the Hand of God During Korean War to Dedicate Life to Ministry

FOSTERS, Mich., (AP)— Eugene I. Inman, who felt the hand of God in the battle-fields of Korea and through the cold, hungry horror of a Communist prisoner of war camp, has decided to dedicate his life to the ministry.

The 22-year-old ex-soldier returned here Sept. 21 after three years in the hands of the Reds. He is living in a trailer next to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David M. Inman, near Saginaw.

Soon after Christmas he and his bride of two weeks, Rosemary, will leave for Kankakee, Ill., where he will begin a four-year pre-seminary course at Olivet Nazarene College.

After graduation there, he will go to Kansas City for three more years at the Church of the Nazarene Seminary.

Although his decision to devote his life to religion came only recently, it was nurtured by the sight of death and the brainwashing of the Reds.

It began Nov. 30, 1950, in the grim days of the war. Inman and some of his fellow soldiers of the 9th Inantry, 2nd Division— a battalion of men—were ambushed. Of 230 men on that battleground says Inman, he was the onlysurvivor.

Surrounded, he got down on his knees and prayed "I was afraid" he said, "but suddenly I felt something like a hand on my shoulder and I wasn't afraid any more."

He was soon recognized as a religious "reactionary."

"They waved pistols in my face and threatened to kill me. They said, 'Show us your God—if he really exists point him out to us.'"

He had a Bible, and the Reds knew it. They tried to get it, by persuasion, by threats. Finally they made him stand in the snow for three hours, but he wouldn't give up the Bible.

He began to preach. At first, the Red political officers censored his sermons. They asked him for outlines of his prayers.

Then they told him they wouldn't review his sermons if he promised not to preach against them.

For Inman that idea was absurd. "The minute you open the Bible, you are preaching against them," he says. 'Communism is a religion of materialism."

How could some resit the brain washing, and others fail How could some live through the mental and physical privation

"Well," answers Inman, "if you were in a room with a deal friend next to you, and another who was

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## More Charges Against State Dept. Workers

NEW YORK (UP) — Former Assistant Secretary of State Spruille Braden indicated today that Communists in the State Department intercepted warnings of Communist infiltration in Latin American countries which he addressed to the secretary of state and the President from 1942 to 1945 sIn testimony prepared for delivery before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee this morning, Braeden specifically charged that two important cables he addressed to former Secretary of States James Bynes and former President Truman in July 1945 failed to reach each Bynes and presumably to President.

Braden described the fate of the cables as a "mystery which might be portentious." He said they contained a recommendation to Mr. Truman and British Premier Winston Churchill to demand that Stalin and the Communist infiltration of Latin America when they met with the Russian premier at the Potsdam Conference.

Braden testified that from 1942, when he became ambassador to Cuba, until 1945 when he left his post as ambassador to Argentina to become assistant secretary of state, he "continually reported to the department my growing anxiety about the spread of communism in this hemisphere.

## Chicken Prices Take Another Penny Drop

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Prices for chickens fell another cent a pound yesterday at Arkansas' big Batesville-Floral market, but the nose diving prices appeared to have leveled off in the northwest area.

Chickens went for 21 cents a pound at Batesville. Top quality birds brought 22 cents a pound.

The better chickens moved in the northwest area at 23 cents with most trading centers on 22 cents.

The price decline on Arkansas' chicken markets began Dec. 11 at the 26-cent level.

A spokesman or the Arkansas Poultry Growers Association called the decline seasonal.

## Mrs. Santa Is World's Most Understanding Wife, She Lets the Old Boy Out for a Night

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)Would your wife let you out even one night a year if you spent it climbing down and up strange chimneys

Certainly not. But Mrs. Santa Claus does—and isn't the least bit jealous of her husband. This makes her the world's most understanding wife.

So why not give a little long overdue recognition to this good gray dame and nominate her "Woman of The Year" And how about making old Santa himself the "Man of The Year"

It is time we make a break in tradition and give these honors to a family team. And who has better earned the award, century after century, than Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus

Some time they ought to share a Nobel peace prize, too. It would be hard to name a couple who have done more for international good will.

In an era of doubt they have preached and practiced the bright renewal of belief.They are as old-fashioned as long underwear, but as modern as faith itself must always be. In an atom age they still go on sturdily demonstrating that no man can know happiness who tries to remain an atom unto himself.

Working as a happy team together, Mr. and Mrs. Claus must have brought delight and joy to a billion children in their time in a universal giveaway program that crosses all countries and is heedless of all politics. And they show no signs of retiring on an old age

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## Shreveport Writer Feels Hope Slighted

Editor's Note: The following is the December 17 column of Pericles Alexander of the Shreveport Times. His ON WITH THE SHOW is widely read and is especially interesting to folks in Hope.

Shreveport Louisiana
December 17, 1953

Mr. Bob Hope
Paramount Studios,
Hollywood, California
Dear Bob:

Next to you, Bob, the No. 1 Hope in these United States is located in Arkansas, an integral part of the region known as the Ark-La-Tex, and much easier to find on a Rand-McNally map than your namesake in Michigan, Kansas, Rhode Island, Maine, and Indiana.

Setting out to garner publicity for your forthcoming film, "Here Comes the Girls," you all have not done right by the watermelon capital of Arkansas and the Ark-La-Tex, which invited you to one of its festivals a few years back. Remember?

Anyway we were startled to read that you were coming out on a tour to bring back young ladies from various towns called Hope, most of which do not show up on any maps we got our hands on and whose population figures are infinitismal. Why, Bob, the combined population of the flag stops named after you scarcely is one-third that of the Arkansas city, which thrives with a citizenship of 8,605, the United States Census Bureau tells us.

Quite a respectable size, begitting the name of Hope, eh, Bob? That flag stop in Michigan called Hope has only 48 inhabitants and it took a Grade A microscope to locate it on the map. And to show you that we did research on the other Hopes you propose to honor, we discovered the one in Maine has a population of 504; Kansas, 40; Rhode Island 500, and Indiana, 1,215, all mere whistle stops.

This here Hope in Arkansas is more your style, Bob, and you wouldn't have a bit of trouble finding a beautiful chick there. Every once in a while one of the damsels comes to Shreveport as an entry in the "Miss Holiday in Dixie" contest and would do you proud, old skinose.

Besides girls, they also grow beautiful watermelons of Gargantuan size and shape in Hope. They don't brag like Texans — just like Ark-La-Texans — but it has been noised about that their melons are as big as hogsheads and one whopper weighed in at 195 pounds.

Interest in producing the supermelons began some years ago when a new variety grew to a previously unheard-of size in Hempstead County. A seed salesman stimulated informal competition among farmers by offering prizes. When specimens of 100 pounds and over began to appear, the city's businessmen realized the publicity value of the huge fruit.

Now, Bob, they grow melons of the more convention 25-to-40-pound size.

The Ark-La-Tex can't understand how come you missed the most important Hope of all in your latest publicity exploit and would hate, for old namesake, for the campaign to fizzle out because the one city which can swing the deal for you has been overlooked.

By the way, your "Here Come the Girls" picture will open here at the Strand Theatre Dec. 27 and we're hopeful by then you will have righted a great wrong to our area and one of the communities which makes it so wonderful.

Hopefully yours,
ON WITH THE SHOW.

### Extended Forecast

For Dec. 22-26:

Arkansas — Temperatures will average 6-12 degrees below normal. Normal minimum 28-38. Normal maximum 46-64. Colder Tuesday night and Wednesday rising trend weekend. Precipitation generally moderate occurring intermittently.

## Value of Farm Crops Declines $4 Million

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — The value of Arkansas 1953 commercial vegetable crops declined more than four million dollars from the 1952 total.

The Crop Reporting Service said today pacemaker for the decline in production of strawberries this crop, which showed a 44 per cent decrease in value.

Agricultural Statistician Mil-McMeeck said the vaid of this year's crop was $6,614,000 pared with $10,804,000 in 1952.

McMeek said the fresh market production of strawberries this year totald 277,000 crates valued at $2,133,000, compared with 398,000 crates worth $2,308,000 last year.

However, the big decline came in the processing strawberry crop The state produced 63,000 crates valued at $340,000 in 1953. Last year, 367,000 crates valued at $2,202,000 were processed.

McPek said that the 39 per cent reduction in the value of all vertable crops was caused by lower prices and lower production in some crops, such as strawberries and tomatoes.

Arkansas fresh market tomatoes crop brought in more money the 1953 than it did last year, but the value of the processing crop dropped 16 per cent.

The value of the 1953 fresh market tomato crop was $1,316,000 compard to $1,767,000 in 1952. The processing crop was worth $114,000, compared to the 1952 tota of $734,000.

McPeek said a large watermelon crop was produced this year, but an estimated 500 000 melons were not marketed because of little demand at the peak of the harvest season. He also said the average price was substantially lower than last year.

Arkansas produced 3,300,000 mellons worth $924,000 in 1953, compared to a production of 2,809,000 melons worth $1,413,000 in 1952.

Other vegetable crops:

Snap beans: The fresh market spring crop was up nine per cent and the fall crop was up 260 per cent from 1952. The processing crop was about one third as large as last year.

Cantaloupes: The 1953 production was 38 per cent greater than last year, but value was down 13 per cent.

Cucumbers: the crop declined 20 per cent in volume and 29 per cent in value.

Spinach: The fresh market crop was somewhat smaller, but the processing crop was larger than in 1952.

Potatoes: Low prices brought less than one-third as much to growers this year than last. Production was down because of drouth and heat.

## Prisoners Refuse to Read Appeal

PANMUNJOM, Korea, (UP) — The 22 unrepatriated American war prisoners refused today to read a written "come home" letter and said they would refuse to hear a special broadcast appeal planned for them tomorrow.

The Americans told their Indian custodian they will not leav ether barbed wire compound to hear the appeal, which will be broadcast on the last day they can be persuaded to return home.

"The prisoners were not very happy about the broadcast," said Lt. Gen. K. S. Thimayya.

The reply to Thimayya's invitation to listen to the broadcast just about killed any lingering hope that the GI's would give up life under communism before midnight tomorrow, when the 90-day explanation period ends.

Earlier today, the Americans declined to accept a 12-page appeal addressed to each of them.

The U.N. disclosed that one American officer will talk to the prisoners over a loudspeaker system for about five minutes tomorrow morning.

### School Editor Shot in Burglary

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—The 17-year-old sports editor of a Tampa high school newspaper was shot tonight when detectives found him in a laundry.

"I did it to get money for Christmas," Detective Inspector O. C. Beynon quoted him.

Roy Walker, shot in the arm and chest, was in a Tampa hospital in serious condition, but expected to recover. No charge was brought immediately.

Beynon said Detective Bill Bland shot the boy inside the laundry when he ran instead of obeying an order to surrender

The boy's father is W. R. Walker, credit manager for a Tampa jewelry company.

# Dulles Visions Possible Recession of the Horror of Atomic Warfare in '54

## Snow Is Also Falling in Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Snow began falling in northwest Arkansas this morning, and the U. S. Weather Bureau here said most of the state would see snow sometime today.

However, there's little chance a white Christmas in Arkansas. The bureau said only light flurries of snow are expected.

There was only one report of snow this morning. The Northwest Arkansas Times reported a heavy fall in Fayetteville.

Low temperatures ranged from 19 at Fayetteville to 34 at Little Rock.

The mercury is expected to fall again tonight. A low of 10 degrees was forecast for the northwestern area, while lows of 15 and 16 degrees are xpeted in other areas.

## Police Seek Two Missing Escapees

DETROIT, (AP) A series of false tips in this nervous city slowed cautious police efforts today to track down the two remaining fugitives from Saturday's 13-man Southern Michigan prison break.

One of the escapees still at large was Roman Uslondek, convicted murderer and criminal psycopath, known to be dangerous. The other, Robert Dowling is a convicted burglar.

A phoned, anonymous tip last night that Uslondek was in a dingy southwest section hotel, sent police through a careful but fruitless search.

Still another tip last night electrified the police network in the southwest area where yesterday three of the escaps were trapped in a small frame house and captured without a fight.

But he tip, unlike the earlier one to a Detroit newspaperman that led to the capture of the trio, was evidently groundless.

### Nashville Man to Join Rep. Gathings

WASHINGTON (AP)—Parker Westbrook of Nashville, Ark. will join the staff of Rep. Gathings (D-Ark) as executive secretary next month

Westbrook came to Washington several years ago as secretary to former Rep. Boyd Tackett. When Tackett retired a year ago to run for governor, Westbrook joined the staff of Sen. McClellan (D-Ark).

### Four Arkansans Arrive Home

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP)— Eighteen Arkansans are aboard the Navy Transport Gen. R. L. Howze which docked here today with 1,446 Army veterans from Korea.

1st Lt. Raymond D. Henley, Jonesboro.

1st Lt. Peter K. Herring, 702 El Dorado.

2nd Lt. Carroll D. Pruett, Fort Smith.

Cpl. Troy F. Stephens, Alma.

Cpl. Eskell H. White, Mountainburg.

## *Claude E. Harris Dies at Home on Prescott Rt. 3*

Claude Ernest Harris, 70 died December 20 at his home n Prescott Route 3. He was born in Nevada County and was a life time resident of Hempstead and Nevada County.

Survivors include three daughters Mrs. Eulas Burke of DeAnn, Mrs. Arlis Arterbury of Malvern, Mrs. Paul Wilson of Eugene, Oregon, five sons, Imon and Martin of Hope Rt. 4, Dale of the U. S. Navy and Frank of the U. S. A. F, and Cohen of Eugene, Oregon, and four sisters, two brothers and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held December 24 at 2 p. m. at Marlbrook Church.

## Deductible Clause Is Optional

LITTLE ROCK (AP)—Arkansas insurance policy holders can get $50 deductible protection on wind and hail damage if they want it.

State Insurance Commissioner Harvey G. Combs yesterday approved an optional $50 deductible clause on such protection within fire insurance policies written in the state.

Combs had rejected earlier a request or a mandatory clause whereby the policy holder would pay the first $50 of damage through hail and wind; the insurance company paying anything over $50.

The order yesterday reduces the rates on hail and windstorm protection to be increased from 34 cents per $100 to 43 cents unless the property owner elects to take the deductible.

With the deductible, the rate fo wind and hail protection will drop to 31 cents per $100.

## 10 Cities Deny Representation in Bell Hearing

LITTLE ROCK (AP)—The Public Service Commission has been informed by 10 Arkansas cities that the Little Rock city attorney has not been authorized to represent them in protesting the latest proposed rate increase by Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

In letters yesterday to the PSC, the cities of Blytheville, Benton, Crawfordsville, Hughes, Joiner, Jonesboro, Luxora, Turrell, West Memphis and Wilson said attorney O. D. Longstreth Jr.—or anyone else—hasn't been delegated to protest for them.

Longstreth said the new protest was authorized by a steering Committee which had spearheaded the fight against former Southwestern Bell increases. Longstreth added that any city which objected to this recent fight would be excluded.

Southwestern Bell has asked for authority to raise certain fixed charges, which would give the utility an additional $360,000 a year. The boost in those charges, described as fees for relocating telephones, extensions and similar work, would offset a wage increase to employes this year, the company said.

## Hopeful Russia Means Well But U. S. Watchful

By WILLIAM GALBRAITH

WASHINGTON, (UP) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today forecast for 1954 "A possible recession of the horror of atomic warfare."

Dulles made this prediction as the United States prepared for private talks with Russia on President Eisenhower's plan for an international pooling of atomic energy for peace.

In an address to the National Press Club, Dulles said that the Soviet Union" after years of futile and evasive debate" about atomic weapons, has "at least indicated a willingness to talk confidentially, and we hope seriously about this problem."

Adderting that the new year will be one "for great decision," Dulles predicted "a possible recession of the horror of atomic warfare."

Officials scheduled a series of meetings at the State Department and with Allied representatives to develope specific arrangements. Any one of several courses of action could be adopted.

The United States could explore the chances of Moscow agreement through regular diplomatic channels. It could propose a formal conference with Russia and such other atomic powers as Britian and Canada. Or it could make an approach through the United Nations.

Whatever it does, it will act in a hopeful but wary mood. Although officials are encouraged by Russia's willingness at least to discuss the atoms-for-peace plan, they are under no illusions about the chance of eventual Soviet acceptance.

Dulles made a strong plea for ratification of the European defense community treaty, his second such appeal in recent weeks.

He said it had been expected the EDC treaty would be ratified some 1 months ago. But there still is no assurance of action, he said.

Warning of "the dealy danger of procrastination," Dulles said "The day of decision cannot be indefinitely postponed. We are close to a date when non-action is the equivalent of adverse action."

He said that unless European unity is achieved soon "this historic moment may pass and different and devisive forces may take command."

But he said he still has high hopes for European unity and does not believe that present efforts will fail. He said his belief derives from the fact that the peoples of Europe possess qualities "which make it imperative that Europe should be saved.

"The coming year will be a year for great decision," he said "That lie ahead European unity, a possible ression of the horror of atomic warfare and of a beginning of an ending of the unnatural division of Europe. In Korea we look forward to the first year of peace since 1949."

WASHINGTON (UP) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said today that peoples under Soviet domination are so discontented "it would be reckless" for the Russians "to engage in general war."

Dulles said the East German revolt last June clearly exposed "the vast underlying discontent" of workers in Soviet satellite areas.

"It indicates that if there were an armed invasion of oWestern Europe, the Soviet lines of communications might not be altogether secure," Dulles said.

There was little change in farm-B. C. and the 18th Century A. D. ed continously by one family.

Canaries rarely live more than 25 years.

## All Around the Town

By The Star Staff

The spirit of Christmas has arrived at Massingill Rest Home and the elderly folks are very happy over arrival of a new Television set . . . they are all tickled to death, reported Mrs. Jewell Massingill who went on to tell of many fine things residents of Hope have done for the group and especially local churches . . . however, there was no indication of where the TV set came from and they would like to know . . . just remember, no matter . . . just remember no Santa Claus.

Friends in Hope will be happy to learn that Barbara Ann Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Smith, returned home Sunday night and is very much improved . . . Barbara Ann spent 90 days in a Rochester, Minn. hospital during which she was continually encouraged with flowers, cards, letters and by a consciousness of the many prayers of her friends . . . for this and other deeds of kindness Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Barbara Ann are very, very grateful.

District Forester Buster A. Denton expresses thanks to everyone, especially sportsmen for splendid cooperation this year in keeping down useless destructive forest fires in this area and reminds that protection of forests pays dividends, along with a Merry Christmas from the Forestry Service.

Got Income Tax problems? If you haven't you are lucky because many people will between now and March 15 . . . in case its slipped your mind that's the last day to file a return . . . a revenue department expert will be on hand at Hope Postoffice from March 1-15 to help taxpayers; Another will be at Bradley Postoffice Feb. 23, at Lewisville Feb. 24 and at Baker Drug in Stamps Feb. 25; at the Prescott Postoffice on February 26, at the Nashville City Water Co. Feb. 24 and Dierks Lumber Co. on Feb. 25.

Gift wrapping is the process of trying to make a $1.98 present look like it cost $5.

# Boyle

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pension or complaining "Children are getting so bad the whole thing is no longer worth while."

So far as I know neither Santa nor his wife believes there is such a thing as a bad child. What other childless couple do you know who have an attitude like that

If history records where Santa found his bride, the fact has escaped me. But if there are anymore like her, I know a few bachelors who certainly would be glad to propose to one.

Mrs. Claus deserves to be named "Woman of The Year" if only because she has proved a good gal can win fame in the career of housewife, even though she does her housekeeping in a place as remote as the North Pole.

It is well known by the elves that Mrs. Claus actually supervises the North Pole toy-making operations during most of the year. But does she insist on a seat by Santa's side, when he makes his annual sleigh ride around the globe Not Mrs. Claus. She lets her old man get all the applause, because she believes a woman's place is in the home—on Christmas eve, anyway.

"Besides," she has placidly confided to friends, "I'm a backseat driver—and with all that pack of toys in the back seat, there really isn't room for me. And besides that, it is just common sense to let a husband out one night a year by himself, and no questions asked.

"You ought to see how glad Mr. Claus is to come creeping home on Christmas morning."

Between them, Mr. and Mrs. Claus help keep alive a force more explosive than a million hydrogen bombs—the timeless power of human love and understanding in a yearning world eternally lonely for these twin vitamins of the human soul.

Nominations closed. All in favor say "Aye" Those opposed say —no but how could anybody oppose them

We give you the "Man and Woman of The Year" —Santa and his lady.

# Ex-Prisoner Who

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soon to die, could you empty yourself of all feeling for them if you couldn't, you couldn't have taken it".

You had to have something besides the ability to purge your self of all feeling to withstand the pressure Inman says you had to have courage, not simple battlefield courage, but the courage of conviction.

You had to be able to look the Reds in the face and tell them what you believe, over and over again. As when Inman told one Chinese the story of Christmas, over and over again. "I'm sure he knows it well," he says.

Even with the courage of conviction, the going was rough. On a diet of beans and a few greens he went from 220 pounds at the time of his capture to a low of 100 pounds. Now he is back to 190.

On Aug. 30, nearly three years after his capture, he was released.

Back home, he met Rosemary Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Miller, in church. The next day he proposed. They were married Nov. 28.

All this time, Inman was having a struggle with his conscience. Before his Army days he had, he says, "never been sincerely religious." But now, he felt he "had experienced the touch of God."

In Korea he had carried in his wallet a clipping from the New York Daily Worker. It was in the form of an advertisement, with a picture of Christ, and it said, "Reward—for information leading to the apprehension of Jesus Christ. Wanted for sedition, criminal anarchy, vagrancy, and conspiracy to overthrow the established government. Dresses poorly, said to be carpenter by trade Has visionary ideas. Alias: Prince o Peace, etc."

"When I saw that," Inman says, "I got so mad I tore out the address of the newspaper so I could blow it up when got home."

If he couldn't blow up the Daily Worker, he could demolish the Communist myth with the bomb of Christianity. He also felt he owner God something.

"If it weren't for the help of God," he says, "I wouldn't be here now."

# The Quest

by ELSIE MACK

SYNOPSIS

"Trumpet at Noon," a novel on which Kelly Fraser had long worked, was about to be published in New York. But Kelly would not be present to sign the contract for it, because Kelly Fraser was dead. Now Dale his loyal and faithful young widow, would have to sign it for him.

CHAPTER TWO

THERE was a curious hesitancy in Helen Collier now as she sat looking at her granddaughter. "Dale, dear, I have something for you," she said finally, her voice reaching and unsure. "All these months I have kept it from you, thinking a time might come when I could give it to you without hurting you too much."

Involuntarily, protectively, Dale inched the sheet a little higher up under her chin.

The older woman sighed. "I haven't known if you are living with memories, or if you have closed a door on everything you shared with Kelly. I thought it best to let well enough alone. Now, I don't know. It may be that I had no right to keep this from you so long."

She reached into a big patch pocket and drew out a slip of paper. She handed it to Dale. "That day I closed the cottage for you, I found it. It was under the teapot in the cupboard. Kelly must have meant for you to find it after he had gone."

"Thank you, Grandmother." Dale's voice was almost steady, almost normal. "No," she protested quickly, "don't turn the light on, yet." Excitement ran like fire through her. "He used to—write notes for me. I suppose it sounds terribly silly to you, doesn't it? I'd find them in the most unexpected places, at the most unexpected times—"

Helen Collier stooped and kissed the girl. "Bless you, dear. I don't think it's silly. I think it sounds just like Kelly."

The door closed behind her quietly, shutting off the beam of light from the hall, leaving only a roomful of pale, cold moonlight. Dale lay perfectly still, pressing the scrap of paper against her throat where a pulse beat double. How could Grandmother have thought she had closed a door on her life with Kelly, when that was the only part of her that was really alive? Yet Grandmother's mistake was understandable, Dale hadn't been able to talk of Kelly to anyone, any more than she had been able to remain in their home, after that night...

She reached up and pulled the chain of the bed lamp. Kelly's handwriting, swift and economical of flourishes and affectations, blently correct in punctuation; an author's handwriting. The thousands of words he had written by hand, and revised and polished until each paragraph, each sentence, of his manuscript suited him!

Darling, hello!

You'll read this with your ton beside the fireplace, and I can see your hair falling forward over your face, and your feet tucked under you like our little onyx Dulcinea, and flame light on your hands...

Dale closed her eyes; her lips moved in an unconscious whisper. *Closer, Kelly, come closer!* She could see the dancing light in his eyes, feel his breath brush her cheek, reach out and touch him...

In a swift montage, she was back on that May morning in 1947. A big moving van had pushed Kelly's convertible into a ditch as easily as a St. Bernard would nudge off a terrier, and had driven off with only a dented fender... But Kelly, crawling miraculously unhurt from the wreckage of his car, had had to be towed off the highway and down the quarter-mile gravel road to Joe's service station in the village. There, sitting on the old anvil that was still Joe Gillespie's first love despite the impressive row of gasoline pumps out front, Kelly had said, "How soon can you fix her up, Mac?"

"Name's Joe, son." He hooked judicious thumbs under his braces and surveyed the crumpled chassis. "Couple days. More'n likely three."

"Where is the nearest hotel, Joe?"

"There's no hotel in Swanscombe. You'll have to go to town, eight miles."

Kelly glanced ruefully at his car. "Any taxis?"

"Train goes in twice a day."

"Is there anywhere here I can stay?"

"Nope." Joe Gillespie looked Kelly up and down with the same profound scrutiny he gave worn brakes and cracked carburetors and rundown batteries. "Well, now," he murmured, with a thoughtful jut of his lower lip, "drop in at the store, up the street. They may know someone who'll take in a boarder two-three days."

Kelly slid off the anvil, landing on one foot, and shifting half his weight to the other. "Thanks, Joe."

So Dale, sorting the mail from the noon train at the General Store's post office wicket, saw Kelland Fraser come in. Joshua Wragge, at the counter weighing out baggins of brown sugar, said under cover of his hand to Dale, "Summer folks trekking in early this year, eh?" But she only half heard the old man, as she filled her eyes with the young man walking toward her. A stranger, she thought. I've never seen him among the summer people. She saw that he limped slightly. Probably he had been at Iwo Jima, or Cologne. But a hurt body was not so sad a memento of those places as the dark shadows fell in some of the men's eyes.

He stopped before her and rested his hands lightly on the counter.

"I'm Kelly Fraser," he said. "My car got knocked off the highway, and Joe Gillespie sent me here. Said you might know of some place I could put up for two or three days while he patches up my bus."

Joshua Wragge sealed a brown-paper bag with an inch of Scotch tape. "If Joe said two or three days, it'll be a week, or more. There aren't many rush jobs here, and Joe just dogtrots along. If you happen to be in a hurry to get somewhere—"

"Not particularly," Kelly said. "I guess I'm pretty much like Joe, just dogtrotting along."

"You weren't hurt back there on the highway, were you?" Dale asked in quick concern.

"Nope." The colloquialism was straight from Joe Gillespie, and Kelland Fraser grinned. "The car door was tight across my left leg. Any ordinary leg would have been smashed to a pulp. But mine's no ordinary leg. It's a fine, tough, artificial, suction-type job, my leg is."

"Oh." Dale could feel her heart beating, could hear no other sound. After a moment, she said breathlessly, "If you will wait a moment, I'll telephone my grandmother. We have a spare bedroom."

"I'd be grateful, Miss—"

"Collier. But everyone just calls me Dale."

"Thank you, Dale."

The telephone was on the wall at the back of the store. Dale felt his eyes follow her and she was glad that she had worn the cherry-red sweater and the full, swinging skirt.

She cranked the handle, two-long one-short.

"Grandy?" she said, tipping the mouthpiece down and speaking into it. "Is Grandmother there?"

"She's out pulling rhubarb. Shortcake for lunch. What's up?"

"A man." Hearing the amused rumble of Grandy's knowingness, she flushed and hurried on, "His name is Kelly Fraser. He's been in an accident on the highway and Joe is repairing his car. It might take two or three days, and unless Mr. Fraser gets a room in the village, he'll have to go to a hotel in town."

"Your grandma's mighty choosy about who sleeps in that feather bed of hers." Grandy's voice was brusque. "Recommend him for her guest room, girl?"

"Oh, yes, I do!"

"Trust your judgment, then. Bring him along." He added artlessly, "Young, I take it?"

"*Grandy!*" But her voice was just a breath, not really scolding him for teasing her.

She walked back to Kelly, the skirt flaring about her slender legs. She nodded up at him. "Grandy says to bring you along. I'll be through here in a half hour, if you want to drive with me. There's rhubarb shortcake for lunch."

"Stop twisting my arm!" Kelly grinned. "I'll get my bag from Joe's. I began to think I might have to sleep on his anvil!"

Joshua Wragge came over to Dale after Kelly had gone. "You wasn't a mite impulsive, was you?" he began dubiously. "A stranger, off the road. You could all be murdered in your beds."

"Honestly, Josh," Dale said indignantly, "you read too many Rex Stout mysteries!"

The old man saw the brightness of her eyes. "Maybe," he conceded. He patted her shoulder. "Hold on to your heart, Dale!"

*(To Be Continued)*



## Chinese PW Has the Right Idea

PANMUNJOM (AP) — A smiling Chinese prisoner strolled into an explanation tent today, eyed the Communist Chinese explainers and bowed politely. He took his seat and listened quietly.

Communist interviewers talked on for more than 20 minutes. Then the prisoner broke in.

"Gentlemen, I understand what you said, but I can tell you I have already lost confidence in the Red regime," he told them. "I don't like to blame you. I know that you are employes. I just want to go to Taiwan (Formosa)."

"You know how large Taiwan is?" a Red asked. "It is only a tiny island."

"Yes," the prisoner replied. "I know that. It is tiny. But have you ever seen the sun It is also tiny as we look at it from here, but the sun, anyhow, shines all around the world and that is Taiwan today. It shines also all over the mainland—China."

## New Plant to Be Exempt From Tax

LITTLE ROCK, (AP)— Arkansas won't have to pay federal tax on a donated plant site and building near Hot Springs because the federal government doesn't tax the states.

That was the opinion yesterday of a spokesman for the Internal Revenue Bureau office at Little Rock. Lawyers also pointed out that the U.S. Constitution prohibits federal taxing of states.

Westinghouse Electric Corporation gave the state the land and nearly-completed building because the company said it had decided to buy glass from outside sources. Westinghouse had planned to make glass for light bulbs at the Hot Springs plant.


## 'Cat' Woman Claims Slaying Accident

SALINAS, Calif. (AP)— A paroled Arkansas murderess, known as the "cat woman" because she kept numerous cats as pets, yesterday was held to answer in Superior Court on charges of slaying a 79-year-old wealthy retired rancher.

Mrs. Winona Green Freeman, 58, said she accidentally shot Harold Jonassen, 79, while the two were target shooting near here Nov. 28.

She was arrested, however, and booked on a murder charge after she led police to Jonassen's body, hidden in a bramble patch near her shanty.

The next step in the pre-trial proceedings is for Mrs Freeman to enter a plea. No date was set for that action.

In 1951, Mrs. Freeman was furloughed from Arkansas State Prison where she was serving life for slaying her father-in-law, J. R. Green, at Little Rock in 1924. She was sufering from tuberculosis at the time, but when examined here following her arrest the disease was found to be dormant.

Gov. Francis Cherry of Arkansas has revoked her Arkansas furlough.

# Mossadegh Appeals His Conviction

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Ex-dictator Mohammed Mossadegh today appealed his conviction by a military tribunal on charges of treason and his sentence to three years in military confinement.

Authorities said it would take 20 days to set up an appeal court of seven judges to review the case of the fiery old ex-premier who was tried on charges of defying the orders of the shah, attempting to overthrow the monarchy and dissolving the lower house of Parliament illegally.

In the preliminary stages of Mossadegh's dramatic trial sparked by the veteran politicians trades threats and caprici ious following the defendent threatened to commit suicide if he were released and said he would not appal if he were convicted.

But as in the emase of every other threat he made during the 35-day trial, Mossadegh reversed himself.

The five-man tribunal found Mossadegh guilty and sentenced him on 13 counts of defying Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlevi.

His co-defendant and former army chief of staff, Brig. Paghi Riadi was sentenced to two years and ordered dismissed from the army.

The emotional nationalist leader stood gripping the edge of a bench during the 65-minute reading of the verdict and only mock the court when it finished.

"I thank ou very much for sentencing me," he said. "The sentence has increased my history glory."

Mossadgh was convicted on charges growing out of his defiance of the shah's decree dising him last August. An uprising led by the present premier, Gen. Fazolliah Zahedi toppled the old man from office soon after and put him behind bars.

## New York to Get a New Greeter

NEW YORK, (AP) Mayor-elect Robert F. Wagner Jr., says he will drop Grover A. Whalen after 35 years as official city greeter and name Richard C. Patterson Jr. to the job.

Pattersonn a native of Omaha, Neb., served as ambassador to Yugoslavia and Guatemala, and was minister to Switzerland until last June.

# MARKETS

ST. LOUIS LIESTOCK

NATIONAL STOCKARDS, Ill. (AP) — Hogs 8,500; barrows and gilts spotted, unevenly steady to 25 lower than yesterday; most decline on weights 280 lb down. bulk 180-230 lb 24.75-25.00; scattered sales 25.10-15; top 25-25 very sparingly for outstanding lots of choice No. 1 and 2; also for most choice 170-180 lb; bulk 130-260 lb 24.00-75; scattering 270-300 lb 23.50-85; choice 150-170 lb 24.25-25.25, which fully steady; sows 25 lower; bulk 400 lb down 21.25-22.25, over 400 lb 20.00-75.

Cattle 3,500, alves 1,200; steers finding active opening demand; some sales high good and choice about 50 higher at 20-50-23.75; good and choice heifers and mixed yearlings also in good demand and showing uneven strength with limited inquiry for utility and commercial grades; canner and cutter cows strong, spots as much as 50 higher, with utility and commercial offerings about steady; utility and commercial cows 9.00-11.00; canners and cutters largely 7.50-9.00; bulls unchanged; utility and commercial 11.50-13.50; cutter bulls 9.00-11.00; vealers steady; good and choice vealers 15.00-20.00; slaughter calves slow.

Sheep 3,000; scattered opening sales choice and prime wooled lambs about steady at 20.00-21.00; but not enough done to establish market.

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW ORK (AP) — Aircrafts and chemicals were hardest hit today in a declining stock market.

The retreat went to between 1 and 3 points at the outside in key areas. For the most part, however, changes either wny were fractional.

Going lower along with the aircrafts and chemicals were the steels, motors, railroads, coppers, distillers, and utilities. Several sections were quietly steady including oils and radio-tlevisions.

POULTR AND PRODUCE

CHICAGO (AP) — Live poultry steady to firm; receipts 624 coops; f.o.b. paying prices unchanged: heavy hens 24.5-28; light hens 19-20; fryers or broilers 24-27; old roosters 17-19; ducklings none.

Butter steady; receipts 307,221; wholesale buying prices unchanged; 93 score AA 65.25; 92 A 65.25; 90 B 65; 89 C 64 cars 91 B 65; 89 C 64.5.

Eggs steady receipts 13,661; wholesale buying prices unchanged to ½ lower; U. S. large 46; U. S. mediums 43; U. S. standards 44.5; current receipts 43; checks and dirties 42.5.

NEW ORK COTTON

NEW ORK (AP) — Cotton futures were irregular today in slow dealings. Nearby trading months maintained a steady tone as small mill and local buying order found hedging limit.

There was some switching from nearby March to later months.

Late afternoon prices were 25 cents a bale higher to 25 cents lower than the previous close. March 33.05, May 33.28 and July 33.01.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

CHICAGO (AP) — Soybeans displayed a firm tone but the rest of the grain market had a ragged appearance on the Board of Trade today.

Beans advanced in response to slightly higher prices in the cash market for soybean oil and meal.

Cold weather in the Midwest was expected to increase demand for meal. In addition, receipts of raw soybeans at terminals were very light, only one car arriving at Chicago.

Wheat, corn and oats moved irregularly in light dealings.

Wheat closed ⅛-1⅛ lower, March $2.03⅜-$2.03, corn ¼ lower to ⅛ higher, March $1.54—a, oats ⅜ lower to ⅜ higher, March 76½-⅝, rye 2 to 3 cents lower, March higher, January $3.02¼-½.

Cash wheat: No. 2 hard 2.12¼.

Corn: No. 1 yellow 1.54; No. 2 1.53½-54; No. 3 1.51½-1.54; No. 4 1.46-51; No. 5 1.50½-50¾; sample grade 1.42-47. Oats: No 1 heavy white 81; No. 2 heavy mixed 74½ thin; No. 4 mediums heavy white 70, materially weathered Soybeans: None.

Barley nominal: Mailinal 1.30-62 feed 84-1.15 field seed per 100 lbs nominal: White clover 9.00-9.50; red top 57.00-58.00; alsike 14.50-15.50; timothy 11.50-12.00; red clover 24.00-25.00.

# SOCIETY

Phone 7-3431 Between 8 A. M. and 4 P. M.

## Calendar

**Tuesday, December 22**

All of the college age group are invited to the "College Dance" to be held at the Hope Country Club on Tuesday evening, December 22, from 8 til 12. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Duffie and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith will be hosts and hostesses

The Unity Baptist Sunday School Class will meet in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard White at 7:30 p. m. on Tuesday, December 22.

The Kathleen Mallory Circle of the First Baptist Church will meet on Tuesday night, December 22, at 7:30 in the home of Mrs. McDowell Turner, 1001 South Walnut. All members are urged to bring Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

The Jett B. Graves Sunday School Class of the First Methodist Church will have their Christmas Party, Tuesday, at 7 p. m. in the recreation rooms.

**Selma Lee Walker Becomes Bride Of Vernis Dale Boswell**

On Saturday afternoon, December 19, Mrs. Selma Lee Walker became the bride of Vernis Dale Boswell. Elder Howard White, pastor of the Unity Baptist Church officiated.

The couple will be at home at 222 North Louisiana.

**Ambassador Sunday School Class Entertained**

Mrs. Wade Warren entertained members of the Ambassador Sunday School Class of the Garrett Memorial Baptist Church with a Christmas party at her home on the Rosston road on Friday night, December 18, at 7:30. Mesdames Waddle Cunningham, Grady Hairston, Tom Duckett and Olin Purtell were associate hostesses.

Mrs. Dwight Ridgdill led the opening prayer and Mrs. Warren brought the devotional on the second chapter of Luke. A short business session followed, during which time program, flower, service and visiting committees were appointed to function during January 1954.

Poinsettas, Santa and his Reindeer and other traditional Christmas decorations were used in the entertaining rooms and under the brilliantly lighted tree were the gifts.

The hostesses served a dessert plate with coffee to seventeen members and two guests, Mrs. Pink Taylor and Miss Bess Warren.

## Births

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Porter of Hope anounce the arrival of a seven pound three ounce son, James Edward, on Thursday, December 17. The paternal grandmother is Mrs. D. L. Porter.

## Coming and Going

Mr. and Mrs. Hosie Garrett of Gastonia, North Carolina are spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. H. J. F. Garrett, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hightower of Ft. Worth, will be holidays guest of Mrs. Hightower's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brown.

Mrs. Ruby Osborn and son, Jimmy, attended the Christmas party at Temple Home in Texarkana on Sunday.

Mrs. V. E. Norris of Houston, Texas, arrived Saturday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Watson and sister, Mrs. Ruby Osborn.

Misses Jean Laseter and Sue Wesson attended the funeral of Charles M. Wesson at Stephens on Monday.

Dr. Henry will leave tomorrow for Monroe, Louisiana, for several days visit.

J. P. Byers left Monday for Denver, Colorado, to visit his daughter Mrs. Bob Briant Bundy, Mr. Bundy and their sons, Mike and Greg.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Eaton and daughter of Akin, South Carolina are visiting Mrs. Eaton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Hare.

Little Dicky Akin attended a Christmas party held at Temple memorial Home for Crippled Children on Sunday from 2 p. m. to 4 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Tolleson and sons, Russell and Johnny from Corpus Christi, Texas, will spend the holidays with Mrs. Tolleson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Hamilton will leave Wednesday morning for New Orleans where they will spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mr. W. H. Rogers, Mr. Rogers and family. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Rogers' grandmother, Mrs. R. W. Bayless of Gurdon.



# Talk Surplus Commodity of the Day

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK, (AP)— Talk is a surplus commodity at this time of year. Both sides are whopping it up today: talk of a slowdown while the economy gets its second wind; talk of good times continuing.

It could be that neither side knows for sure. Each seems to suspect the other, both aware that the psychology of the consumer may hold the real answer.

Merchants wonder why the consumer has been slow this December in starting his Christmas shopping. Some think that "people just don't have the money to spend anymore."

Others pooh-pooh this and point out that whenever price concessions make goods look right to the customers, the items are quickly cleared from the shelves.

Washington officials are particularly free with reassuring talk just now. The Administration's economic advisors are stressing that the economy is healthy and should stay that way during 1954. But just in case, they're readying a set of plans to be used to put the brakes on any slowdown if it appears.

Businessmen watching the day-by-day scene find a mixed picture today.

The television industry is enthused over the go-ahead signal given color T. V. Both the National Broadcasting Co., and the Columbia Broadcasting System put on color television shows over the week-end.

Raytheon Manufacturing Co. began snipping color TV sets to dealers. It has been in pilot production, waiting for the go-ahead.

The story is good today for the house builders, too. The Commerce Department says new homes valued at a total of nearly 12 billion dollars were built this year, making it 600 million dollars better than 1952. Since World War II about 75 billion dollars has gone into housing.

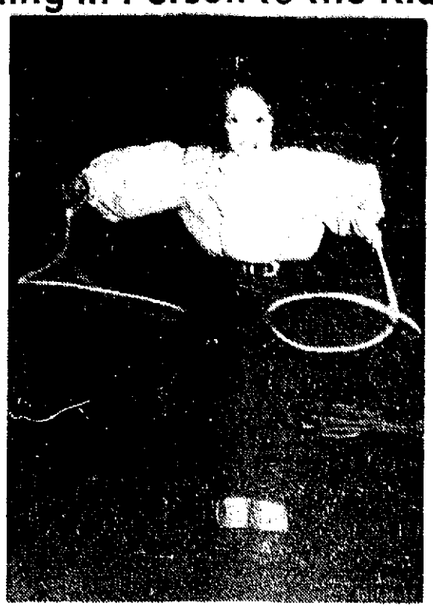
This causes an official of the National Association of Real Estate Boards to point out that 1954 ought to be a favorable year for the house buyer.

Stock traders seem to be feeling a little better, too. Some aren't too sure how good the earnings prospects will be for business next year, but figure that the end of the excess profits tax could make the chances of maintaining a high dividend rate preggy good.

But the signs today in other industries aren't that reassuring. Steel output seems headed for a sharp drop this week.

The oil industry eyes baleful another rise in stocks of some of its products. Texas, however, apparently is not worrying. After five straight months of cutting back the permitted output, Texas authorities will let more oil flow from the wells next month, to let one field expand and get in better balance with the other.

# Coming in Person to the Rialto



Velma King, six-year-old daughter of movie stunt-man Rex King, will appear on the Rialto Theatre stage with her father Wednesday. Velma is the world champion rope spinner of the Junior Division. The western stage show will feature rope and whip acts, singing and guitar playing, and an act with "Ranger," King's horse.

# Big-Time Gambler to Prison

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., (UP) — Big-time Gambler Benny Binion who once pleaded guilty to a murder but didn't go to prison until convicted of income tax evasion, settled down in Leavenworth Prison today for a long stay.

The pudgy Binion, former Dallas, Tex., and Las Vegas, Nev., gambling operator, was being processed and indoctrinated for five years of prison life. Warden C.H. Looney said Binion would be treated just like any other prisoner.

Binion turned to gambling from bootlegging in Dallas in 1932 when repeal made his former occupation unprofitable. He operated a million-dollar-a-year policy racket in Dallas and Fort Worth, then moved on to Las Vegas to operate the fabulous Horshoe Club.

At the height of his power, he owned a 665-section ranch in Montana and several sections of oil lease land in North Dakota, in addition to his gambling empire and other property.

In 1931, he pleaded guilty to murdering a man and was given a two-year suspended sentence. In 1936, he was charged with another murder, but that charge was dismissed.

Binion once served 60 days in the county jail for carrying a concealed weapon, and at another time he paid a $10 fine for vagrancy.

But he steadily grew in power until he was indicted for income tax evasion for the years 1945 through 1949. He pleaded guilty to the charges in Texas last week and was sentenced to five years in prison, with a $20,000 fine.

After that sentence, Binion pleaded guilty to state charges of operating a policy racket. He had fought extradition to Texas from Nevada for about five years on those charges, and pleaded guilty only after the state agreed to run its four-year sentence concurrently with the federal term.

# Waterfront Fight Taken to the Polls

By EUGENE LEVIN

NEW ORK (AP) — The struggle between the AFL and the independing International Longshoremen's Association, now backed by John L. Lewis, was carried to the ballot box today in a federally supervised election.

Some 22,000 waterfront workers in Manhattan and New Jersey began voting on their choice of unions. The election, conducted by the National Labor Relations Board will run through tomorrow. Announcement of results is expected early Thursday.

It is expected that the other 40,000 dock workers on the East Coast, all veteran ILA members, will follow the lead of the Port of New York group.

The balloting brought to a climax the rivalry between the ILA and the AFL, which set up the new ILA-AFL a few months ago in an attempt to break the ILA's hold on East Coast longshoremen. The AFL had previously ousted the ILA for failure to purge itself of racketeering elements.

ILA President William V. Bradley, who yesterday won public support from United Mine Workers President Lewis, beamed with confidence last night, predicting a 10-1 victory for his group. Bradley, a tugboat captain, has said he knows of no racketeering in the ILA.

In 1900 only about 18 per cent of the people of the United States lived outside their native states while in 1950 about 43 per cent lived outside their native states.

# U. S. Ready to Negotiate With Russia

WASHINGTON, (UP) — The United States said today it "is prepared to negotiate" with Russia if the Soviet Union has accepted President Eisenhower's atoms-for-peace proposal.

The statement was read to reporters after Moscow dispatchers reported that Russia is willing to negotiate on Mr. Eisenhower's plan, but before the State Department received official word from Moscow.

After reading the statement, Suydam asked newsmen to hold it up while he conferred with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles who had just returned from the White House. While Dulles was conferring with Mr. Eisenhower a United Press Moscow dispatch was taken to the chief executive.

The White House confirmed the United Press dispatch that Russia is willing to negotiate, but declined to give additional details.

Later, the State Department released its original statement — after getting word from ambassador Charles E. Bohlen.

The department expects a statement from Dulles later in the day, after he has had time to digest the lengthy Soviet communication.

The department's original statement said:

"The department had been informed that Ambassador Bohlen was going to see Mr. Molotov. The department will naturally be very pleased if the Soviet Union has accepted the President's historical proposal for the creation of an atomic energy pool and is prepared to negotiate to that end.

"The department hopes that the Soviet Union will be no less prompt in accepting the proposal of the western powers for a four power meeting in Berlin Jan. 4.

"It might further be observed, while we are discussing what seems to be affirmative developments in international affairs, that the importance of the ratification of EDC (European defense community) becomes more and more apparent."

Initial congressional reaction to Russia's communication was sparse—and guarded.

Sen. Homer Ferguson (R-Mich) chairman of the senate Republican policy committee, said the Soviet seems to have opened an avenue that is "worth exploring." But he cautioned that the Soviet announcement should not be cause for talk of relaxing the defense build-up in the United States.

# Rhode Island Joins Fight on Tidelands

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rhode Island has asked the Supreme Court to declare unconstitutional the 1953 Submerged Lands Act, which gave coastal states the right to develop oil and other resources in submerged lands along their borders.

Alabama previously made a similar move.

Rhode Island asked persmission to file suits against Texas, Louisiana, California and Florida, the states it described as the principal beneficiaries of the law, and also against federal officials administering 63 million dollars in impounded founds which will go to Texas, Louisiana and California if the new law is not declared invalid.

The Rhode Island motion said that "although the law declared it applies equally to all coastal states the fact is that its purpose and effect is limited to the only valuable natural resources at present known off the coasts of the United States, which are located solely off the coasts of Louisiana, Florida, Texas and California.

The Peabody Museum at Yale University maintains a museum in a small sandstone quarry at Middlefield, Conn. where dinasauru tracks show in the stoe.

# Court Docket

Muncipal Court of Hope, Arkansas, December 21, 1953.

**City Docket**

Robert Dunlap, Improper lights on car, Forfeited $1.00 cash bond.

R. A. Green, Running "Stop" sign, Forfeited $5.00 cash bond.

Dora Ray, P. E. Turner, Illegal parking, Forfeited $1.00 cash bond.

Willie Garland, Driving while intoxicated, Plea guilty, fined, $50.00 and 1 day in jail.

Jim Thomas, Drunkenness, Plea guilty, finde, $10.00.

Lonnie Williams Disturbing peace, Plea guilty, fined $10.00.

Jess Atkins, J. D. Harrison, Orval Walker, Drunkenness, Forfeited $10.00 cash bond.

Versie Lee Hill, Assault & Battery, Forfeited $10.00 cash bond.

**State Docket**

R. N. Tuggle, No Public Service Commission Identification displayed, Forfeited $25.00 cash bond.

Leonard Overton, Evading weight scales, Tried, fined $25.00; fine suspended.

J. R. Johnson, Giving an overdraft, Dismissed on payment costs check paid.

Mrs. Robert Hawkins, Robert Hawkins, No intransit license, Forfeited $25.00 cash bond.

Mitchell Conway, Posessing untaxed intoxicating liquor, Tried, fined, $100.00; Notice of appeal Bond fixed at $200.00.

Ed Watts, Doyle B. Manion, James Lewis Redwine, Speeding, Forfeited $5.00 cash bond.

M. Tristly, Drunkenness, Forfeited $10.00 cash bond.

Geo. William Thomas, Reckless driving, Dismissed upon payment costs.

Elec Calhoun, Garfield Smith, Hunting with dog and no license on dog, tried; found not guilay.

Clyde Ambler, Driving while intoxicated, Plea guilty, fined $50.00 and 1 day in jail.

The following forfeited $25.00 cash bond on a charge of overload:

W. E. Tribble, R. E. Russell, Calvin Couch, Leonard O'Burton J. M. Roper, and Clyde Ambler.

**Civil Docket**

The Toggery Shop vs. Luther Bishop Mo. Pac. R. R. Co., Garnishee, Answer of Garnishee filed, Judgment for Plaintiff by default for $50.88, costs and interest.

Jewel Burke vs. Macio Walker, Action on account for $172.67, Dismissed without prejudice.

Byers Abstract Co. vs. C. M. Rogers, Jr., Action on account for $51.60, Judgement for Plaintiff by default for $51.60, interest and cost.

# French Delay Another Vote on President

PARIS (AP)—Two tired old men who insist they don't want the job led the field of possible compromise candidates for the French presidency today. Veterans Edouard Herriot and Vincent Auriol came to the fore as Parliament leaders sought to break the left-right deadlock that has resulted in 10 fruitless ballots.

Herriot and Auriol appeared the only likely figures generally considered above the party squabbles. Auriol, 69, winds up a seven-year term in the job Jan. 17.

Speculation that one or the other might be drafted mounted after Andre le Troquer, presiding officer of the electoral congress, called a meeting of leading politicos before members of Parliament met today to cast their 11th ballot.

Intervening last night when on the 10th ballot no cadidate still could poll a majority, Le Troquer declared, "Prolongation of the present situation would endanger the functioning of democratic institutions."

In all previous presidential elections, no more than two ballots have been required.

Premier Joseph Laniel, who has led the poll throughout most of the five days of inconclusive voting, lost ground last night when the small Social and Democratic Resistance party abstained on the 10th ballot to protest continuation of the stalemate.

The wealthy Premier, backed by Parliament's conservatives, received 392 votes. He had 413 on the ninth ballot earlier in the day. Because of absentions, he was 42 votes short of a majority on each round.

Socialist Marcel Naegelen, the other avowed candidate, got 378 on the 10th ballot and 365 on the ninth. Naegelen, former governor general of Algeria, was supported by the leftists, including the large Communist bloc.

Although both candidates remained in the race, Laniel hinted in a statement he would withdraw if a middle-of-the-road leader capable of rallying a strong majority was selected as a compromise entry.

## Mississippians Study School Plan

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The Mississipni Legislature today faces the last of the state's 46-million-dollar school equalization program bill before writing the controversial plan into law and adjourning the lengthy special session.

The bill, creating a minimum education program uniform and mandatory for every school in the state, has met with stiff resistance and may delay final adjournment of the seven-week session, devoted primarily to the program which will equalize facilities in both white and Negro schools.

When the Romans conquered Egypt in 20 B. C. they collected part of the tribute in the form of Egyptain glassware.

# PRESCOTT NEWS

**Spiritual Life Group Meets**

The Spiritual Life Group of the First Methodist Church met on Wednesday morning in the home of Mrs. D. S. Jordan with eight members present for the monthly meeting.

Mrs. C. A. Wynn, Spiritual Life Chairman, called the meeting to order with prayer.

Mrs. Wayne Eley conducted the study from "Abundant Living" and offered the closing prayer.

**Kappa Gamma Has Supper**

On Wednesday evening in the home of Mrs. Charlie Thomas the Upsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma held an initiative service and a pot luck supper.

The living room mantel was banked with greenery interspersed with large red glowing candles. The coffee table held a lovely potted poinsettia.

A candle light initation service for Mrs. Thera Breer and Mrs. Ora Dildy was conducted by Mrs. Thomas, president, Mrs. Lela Hays Miss Frances Thraher, Mrs. Cleo Hines, Mrs. Floyd Hubbard and Mrs. Frank Anderson.

The supper was served buffet style from the dining table overlaid with a lace cloth centered with a bronze bowl filled fith red roses flanked by bronze candlesticks holding glowing red candles. The buffet held red candles and a gaily decorated tree was placed in a corner of the dining room.

After supper Mrs. J. A. Eagle and Mrs. Hays sang a duet, "O Holy Night," Mrs. Thomas told the story, "How Come Christmas" by Roack Bradford and closed with the poem, "Christmas, Christmas, Everywhere" by Phillip Brooks

An exchange of gifts was enjoyed

**W. M. U. Business Women's Circle Meets**

The Business Women's Circle of the W. M. U. of the First Baptist Church met on Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. Julius Adams for a business meeting and missionary program

A large red candle was placed on the coffee table. Christmas carolers stood on a table and a madonna flanked by candles added to the decorations.

Mrs. Adams opened the meeting with prayer.

Miss Bertha Gray, chairman, conducted the business after which she presented the program on "A Song In The Night" and was assisted by Mrs. Edward Bryson, Mrs. L. L. Buchanan and Mrs. Adams.

A dainty dessert course was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Foster and children saw the Christmas parade in Hope on Thursday evening.

Jack Robert Jr. student at Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia is spending the holidays with his parents.

W. F. Denman Jr. left Saturday for Victoria, Texas to join Mrs. Denman for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen V. Williamin.

Lt. and Mrs. Harley Cox of Enid, Okla. have arrived for a holiday visit with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Thomas.

C. H. Tompkins Jr. has returned to Shreveport, La. after a visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Tompkins.

Dr. and Mrs. O. W. Arnold of Temple, Texas have returned to their home after a visit with his mother, Mrs. C. P. Arnold Sr. and other relatives.

Mrs. Burke Shelton was the Thursday guests of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Palmer and daughter in Little Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred White are the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Frank Gunther and family in Okmulgee, Okla.

Pfc ad Mrs. Clarence Gordon of Ft. Hood, Texas have arrived to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Hess Gordon, and other relatives.

Rodney Hamilton of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Hamilton.

Mr. ad Mrs. Orville Kelley and Johnny of Commerce, Texas are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hooks.

Mrs. O. B. Canon Jr., and Mary of Dallas will arrive today to spend several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke White.

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## For Rent

UNFURNISHED five room house. One-half block from business district. No children. Phone 7-3662. 1-tf

NICE 6 room house. $40 month. Immediate possession. 812 West 4th. Phone 7-3152. 7-tf

NEWLY decorated 4 room house. Bath. Hot and cold water, near town. Small family desired. Phone 7-2071. 8-tf

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## For Sale

NEXT to City Park this attractive 4 year old, 2 bedroom home has large living room, combination kitchen and dining room - breezeway and attached garage. Ideal for family with young children. FOSTER - ELLIS 16-6t

AT 202 South Washington on a big 60' x 220' lot - paved street - we offer this six room house for only $3,000.00. 16-6t FOSTER-ELLIS REALTY CO.

REGISTERED, Pedigreed, Pekingese Puppies. Eight weeks old. Ideal for Christmas Gifts. Mrs. J. B. Ellen, Jr. Springhill Road. Phone 7-3406. 17-6t

LIVINGROOM suit. Newly upholstered. In good condition. Call 7-2477 after 5 p. m. 19-3t

ELECTRIC train with track, switches and accessories. Mounted on board. Less than one half original cost. Phone 7-2038. 21-3t

USED lumber and windows for sale. Flooring, common boards, beaded ceiling, 2" x 3", 2" x 12" x 20'. See James H. Jones, Hope High School. 22-3t

YOUNG Parakeets, Cagers and feed. 304 East 14th. Phone 7-2689. 22-3t

## Notice

SUBSCRIBE Texarkana Gazette. 30c weekly daily. Sunday complete sports. KCMC-TV programs. Dale Hartsfield. Phone 7-4610. Dec. 11-1 Mo.

## Services Offered

MATTRESS renovation and innerspring work. Cobb Mattress Co. 310 Souuth Washington Phone 7-2622 Dec. 2 — 1 Mo.

ALTERATION, sewing, buttonholes ironing, and upholstering. Reasonable price. Mrs. Clydes place front Street May Lively. 22-3t

## Instructions

PRIVATE instructions in tap, acrobatic, ballet or toe dancing in Home Studio, class price, offer expires January 1. Katherine Windsor. Phone 7-3327. 15-12t

## Lost or Strayed

FROM pastures 3 miles west of Hope. Red-white faced heifer. Weight 500 to 600 lbs. R. L. McCain Phone 7-2740. 19-3t

## Wanted to Buy

Forked Leaf White Oak Logs NO. 1 grade, 18 inches and up in diameter, 12-14-ft. lengths. See Ralph Saunders. Phone 7-2174 or William Duckett Yard, North Main Street. Phone 7-4683. Dec. 19-1 mo.



## Lopat Leads Earned Run Statistics

By BEN OLAN

NEW YORK (AP) - The New York Yankees, who last week strengthened their pitching staff by acquiring Harry Byrd from Philadelphia, also will have the American League's earned run leader on their roster next year.

He's Eddie Lopat. Official pitching averages for 1953 released today showed that the 35-year-old southpaw gave up 46 earned runs in 176 innings for a 2.43 ERA.

Lopat, with a 16-4 record, also topped the league with a winning .800 percentage. He is the first pitcher to lead both in earned runs and winning average since Spurgeon (Spud) Chandler of the Yanks did it in 1943.

Billy Pierce, Chicago White Sox lefthander was runner-up to Lopat in the earned run ratings. He had a 2.72 mark on 62 earned runs in 216 frames. Billy also had the most strikeouts, 186.

## Quail Season Shortened by 21 Days

LITTLE ROCK, (AP) — A shortage of quail in all major hunting areas has forced the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to curtail the quail hunting season by 21 days.

The quail season will end at sundown Jan. 10, T.A. McAmis, executive secretary of the commission, announced yesterday. The season usually runs from Dec. 1 through Jan. 31.

McAmis said the commission was afraid quail might be eliminated in the state unless the season were curtailed.

The secretary said the two-year drouth cut heavily into the supply of quail.

## Davis Cup Players Still Not Set

BY WILL GRIMSLEY

MELBOURNE (AP) — The Davis Cup Challenge Round next week is very apt to swing on the doubles yet neither Australia nor the United States is set on its combination.

Alarmed over Ken Rosewall's timid service, the Aussies have benched Rex Hartwig with Lew Hoad in secret rehearsals held before the Australian selection committee.

At the same time there continues strong speculation over whether U.S. Captain Bill Talbert again will nominate himself over Wimbledon champion Vic Seixas as the playing partner of Tony Trabert. Talbert did so against Belgium last week at Brisbane with success.

## Legal Notice

ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

The annual meeting of the members of Hope Federal Savings and Loan Association, Hope, Arkansas, will be held at the office of the Association at 122 East Second St., Hope, Arkansas, at 7:30 P. M. on Tuesday, January 12, 1954. Meeting is for the purpose of voting on the proposed adoption of Charter N, the election of two directors, and for the transaction of any other business that may properly be considered by the members.

Fred O. Ellis, Secretary
Dec. 22, 29, Jan 5

## Legal Notice

NOTICE
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HEMPSTEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF No. 604
MARSHALL LEWIS, deceased

Last known address of decedent: 217½ East Third Street — Hope, Arkansas

Date of death: October 7, 1953

An instrument dated July 21, 1953, was on the 10th day of November, 1953, admitted to probate as the last will of the above named decedent, and the undersigned has been appointed executor thereunder. A contest of the probate of the will can be effected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

This notice first published 22nd day of December, 1953.

JOHN DELL NELSON
Executor
Hope, Arkansas
Dec. 22, 29

# SPORTS ROUNDUP

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK, (AP) — It is doubtful that the football banquet season, which is now approaching its peak across the land, will produce a more forthright speaking guest than Forest Evashevski, the Iowa coach, whose team played that memorable 14-14 tie with Notre Dame.

We have not been received Evashevski's on e-night rates, but if the remarks attributed to him by Tom Mercy of the Flint Mich. Journal after a recent high school gathering in that city are a fair sample, then the former Michigan blocking back is worth all the tariff will bear. No quibbler is the Hawkeye pedagogue. After agreeing that some evils had crept into the game, he said this:

"Some football reformists on college faculties made me sick, though. Most of the ones who seem to know just what should be done to cure all our football ills are men who never played the game and don't understand the sport.

"The first thing most of them want to do is to take emphasis off winning. They bat that burning desire to win as one of the evils of athletics. If you don't emphasize winning, there's only one thing left to emphasize, and that is losing. If it ever comes to that, then they can put the game up for grabs and I'll get out. I've got a rich father-in-law, and I can always live on him.

"I'd just like to say this to you football players—the greatest thing to be learned from playing football is the desire to win. Much has been said for being a good loser, but it's much easier to become a good loser than a gracious winner."

Evashevski attributed much of his team's success the past season to three Negro sophomores from Steubenville, Ohio—guard Calvin Jones, end Frank Gilliam and halfback Ed Vincent.

"I've never known any other players to have such utter disregard for bodily damage as those three," their coach declared.

To give some idea of Jones' masculinity, Evashevski related an incident during a practice scrimmage where another of his players made the mistake of looking up while going down Under punt.

"As he gazed upward someone guillotined him," Evy said. "I could tell he was in trouble by the sound of the impact and the snapping of bones. The boy lay on the ground writhing, with pain, and Jones trotted by. He stopped and looked down on him and without cracking a smile said, "Don't just lie there, boy. Do some push-ups until the doctor gets here."


Associated Press Sports Writer

Dear Santa:

Don't forget your sports friends in your rounds this year; some things they will find useful are listed here.

Bowden Wyatt, University of Arkansas football coach — Scoreboard victories instead of moral victories. Good spring practice weather would help get those sophomores ready.

Allan Berry, War Memorial Stadium manager — Two new teams to show the fans who are growing a bit tired of seeing the Philadelphia Eagles every year in his pro football game.

Emmet Harty, Cotton States League president — Enough men wealthy enough or foolish enough to provide financial backing for the league to make it through another season.

Hot Springs high school football fans — They won't be hoggish, Santa. Just one win would be appreciated.

Glen Rose, Razorback basketball coach — A little polish for some of those big boys on the freshman team; meanwhile, patience to struggle through another season with inherited varsity material.

Frosty England, Arkansas State football coach — A fifth bowl team; but, if that's asking too much, a successful year of character building.

Lamar McHan and Floyd Sagely, graduating Razorback grid greats — the opportunity to get in one season of pro ball before going into active military service.

Bill Norman, new manager of the Little Rock Travelers — A transfusion of young ball players who have the winning habit.

Horace Thompson, president of Arkansas A&M College — A reminder that Jim Benton coached the Boll Weevils to the AIC football championship while also handling his private business interests and that no full-time coach could do more than that.

Jim Lee Howell, new coach of the New York football Giants — Plenty of college stars to star his rebuilding program.

George Kell, Swifton's gift to the Boston Red Sox — a long overdue chance to play in a World Series.

Clair Bates, Van Buren High School basketball coach — A case of nerve medicine to help him through a season in which both his boys and girls teams are strong contenders for state titles.

Elmer Smith, Southern State grid mentor — He just wants the sports writers to believe him when he says he doesn't have the hosses.

Preacher Roe, Arkansas top hurler in the major leagues — Some more of whatever it is that keeps his arm so young.

Johnny Sain, retired from the same classification — Success in his first full year of the auto business.

Mel McGaha, Arkansas A & M basketball coach by winter and Shreveport baseball manager by summer — A few nights sleep, at least in the fall.

Johnie Burnett, executive secretary of the Arkansas Athletic Association — More aspirin for those headaches over ineligibility of high school athletes.

Arkansas Goldfdom — A worthy successor to Ross Collins, who gave up the state amateur crown when he moved to Texas.

Our readers — A sense of forgiveness and the very best of everything.

## Bobcats Change Schedule, Play 7 Dist. Games

The Hope Bobcats football schedule has been rearranged in order to allow more district contest and three big seven schools were dropped entirely.

The change brought back one of the oldest Turkey Day series in Arkansas with the Bobcats going to Nashville on November 25 next year. Texarkana has been dropped entirely as has El Dorado and Hot Springs.

Two new district opponents have been added, Crossett and Fordyce and District Four.

Smackover was moved up to the El Dorado spot to the schedule while Crossett was given the Hot Springs date. The Bobcats will play only 11 games next season. The schedule:

Sept. 18 Stamps here
Sept. 17 DeQueen here
Sept. 24 Smackover there
Oct. 1 Fordyce here
Oct. 8 Crossett there
Oct. 15 Fairview here
Oct. 26 Open
Oct. 29 Camden there
Nov. 5 Magnolia here
Nov. 12 Arkadelphia here
Nov. 19 Prescott there
Nov. 25 Nashville there

## Porkers Play St. Louis Tonight

LITTLE ROCK, (AP) Little Rock fans will get their only look of the season at the 1953 Arkansas basketball team here tonight when the Razorbacks take on Washington University of St. Louis.

The Porkers recently defeated the Bears, 69-55, at St. Louis.

After tonight, the Razorbacks will lay off until the Southwest Conference tournament at Houston next week.

## Basketball

By The Associated Press

Ohio Univ. 69, Gannon Pa 65
Queens N 81, Yeshiva 64

**Kentucky Invitational**

Kentucky 85, Duke 69
LaSalle 62, UCLA 53

**Other Results**

LSU 70, Northwestern 51
Memphis State 71, Baylor 64
Tulane 57 Wisconsin 55 overtime
Oklahoma A&M 65, Illinois 60 (overtime)
Minnesota 66 Tulsa a 63
Iowa 78, Colorado 72
Bradley 79, USC 64
Indiana 76, Oregon State 7 (overtime)
Oregon 84, Nebraska 68

**New Mexico Conference Tournament**

**FIRST ROUND**

Panhandle Okla A&M 46, Adams State 38
Arizona State Flagstaff; 62, New Mexico Military Inst 60

## Fights Last Night

By The Associated Press

Brooklyn Eastern Parkway —Clarence Henry, 184½, Los Angeles, outpointed Bob Baker, 211½, Pittsburgh, 10.

Holyoke, Mass.—Vince Martinez 152, Paterson, NJ., stopped Jimmy Bethea, 147, New York, 2.

The average American uses the output of about 7.4 acres to supply his needs compared with less than a quarter acre for a typical Japanese.

## Really a Hard Way to Get a Buck

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio, (AP) — J. L. Pate of Garrison, Ky., told this story yesterday of how he bagged a deer.

While he was standing on the bank of Kinnecuck Creek in Kentucky, a deer edged up the creek bank toward him. He was hidden by the brush.

He leaped upon the deer's back, grabbed its antlers and steered it back into the stream where he drowned it.

It was a 14-point buck and weighed more than 225 pounds.

## Indiana and Kentucky Still Rated Tops

By ORLO ROBERTSON

NEW YORK (AP) - Indiana's undefeated Hoosiers and Kentucky, winner of all five of its games are still running one-two as the nation's leading college basketball teams.

The Hoosiers, picked in the preseason poll as the team most likely to succeed and on top ever since, rolled up 933 points in this week's Associated Press poll of sports writers and broadcasters.

Kentucky, seeking to regain the No. 1 spot after a year of enforced idleness, stayed close to Indiana with 596 points and actually received more first-place votes — 36 to 35.

Duquesne, with nine first-place votes and 692 points, held to third place on the basis of a 7-0 record. Illinois also remained in the fourth spot with 514 points but, after the ballots were counted, the Illini dropped their first game of the campaign 65-60 to the Oklahoma Aggies.

The Aggies (3-1) moved up a couple of notches into fifth place and Western Kentucky (9-0) took over sixth after being 10th last week. Fordham (6-0) also jumped two places into the seventh spot, followed by Minnesota (5-0). Holy Cross was the only newcomer to the top 10. The New Englanders were ranked 14th a week ago. Louisiana State (5-1) dropped all the way from fifth to 14th.

The top 20 with number of first-place votes in parantheses:

1. Indiana (35) 933
2. Kentucky (36) 896
3. Duquesne (9) 692
4. Illinois 514
5. Oklahoma A&M (4) 358
6. Western Kentucky (2) 331
7. Fordham (1) 229
8. Minnesota 226
9. North Carolina State 173
10. Holy Cross (1) 159
11. Rice 122
12. Oregon State (2) 100
14. Louisiana State 92
15. Oklahoma City (3) 75
16. Dayton and La Salle (tie) 59
18. Wisconsin 50
19. Notre Dame 47
20. Vanderbilt and Idaho (tie) 36


History is full of dramatic stories of dogs that have stood guard by the bodies of their dead masters. But two dogs in Brooklyn, N. Y., recently provided a new twist to the story.

On July 28, police were summoned to 186 Lynch St., in front of which lay a man, apparently lifeless, guarded by two large, unfriendly dogs. Why they had not been summoned sooner the police never learned, but on their arrival they found that the man had been there for an hour. The dogs, snarling and menacing, had discouraged any one who tried to get near.

The officers followed local police procedure by calling the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. While they were waiting however, a thoughtful resident slipped behind a fence and got near enough to the prostrate man to throw a pail of ice water on him. The man stirred, sat up, told police—who stood at a respectful distance—that he didn't know who he was, and, escorted by the dogs, walked away.

And at Port Washington, Long Island, not far from Brooklyn, Smoky, an over-possessive Dalmatian fire department pet made news by refusing to let any but the members of the department near fire department property.

The most disconcerting incident happened when one of the old engies was sold to a nearby town. Although Smoky was held until the visiting firemen had got under way with their engine, he was no sooner released than he raced after the vehicle.

It took him more than a mile to overhaul it, but when he finally pulled abreast he leaped at once to the seat, dispossessing the driver. They had to telephone to Port Washington for a firman from his own station to get Smoky off the seat.

## Top Radio Programs

NEW YORK (AP) — Listening to night: NBC — 7:30 Barrie Craig; 8:30 Rocky Fortune; 9:30 GI Joe CBS — 7 People Are Funny; 7:30 Mr. and Mrs. Norty; 9:15 Dulles Talk; ABC —6:30 Starr of Space; 8 Town Meeting; "The Weather;" MBCS — 7 mickey Spillane Mystery; 8:30 The Search.

## Three Games Tonight at Spring Hill

Three basketball games on schedule Tuesday night at Spring Hill. All three games are with Saratoga, Sr. boys Juniors defeated Saratoga by one point. First game starts at 7 p. m.

## North, South Teams Ease Workouts

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Coaches for the North and South college all-star football squads eased up on work-outs today to avoid injuries before the Christmas night game in the Orange Bowl.

"From now until game time we will just work out in the mornings," said North Coach Stu Holcomb of Purdue. "The boys are looking good and I don't want to take any chances with injuries."

South Coach Andy Gustafson of Miami said his squad planned one long drill this morning, then would go deep sea fishing.

"They're a good looking bunch of boys," said Georgia's Wally Butts, who worked with Missouri's Don Faurot in coaching the South's offensive unit. Navy's Eddie Erdelatz assisted Gustafson with the defense.

Ed Merrifield (Missouri) missed the South squad drill because of a cold out is expected back today or tomorrow.

A spectator at the North workout yesterday was Coach Joe Bach of the Pittsburgh Steelers, scouting for players to bolster in 1954 pro squad.

"It's amazing how good these boys look after such short time together," Bach said. "The coaches, Holcomb, Ivy Williamson of Wisconsin and Bill Meek of Kansas State have done a remarkable job."

## Joe Friday's Sidekick Once Played Cupid

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — This may come as a surprise to Dragnet fans, but Joe Friday's sidekick made his movie debut as Cupid in 1916.

This is one of the facts, ma'am, I uncovered in an hour's grilling of Sgt. Frank Smith, known to his friends and movie fans with memories as Ben Alexander. Ben, the rotund, easy - going partner in crime detecting with Jack Webb is a reluctant actor at this point in his career. After all, look how long ago he started.

"I was born in Goldfield, Nev., where my father had gone on a mining venture," Ben recounted.

"From there we went to Hanford, Calif., where we lived in a hotel. My mother heard they were making movies in Hollywood, so she wrote some studios about job possibilities. They said there was plenty of work, so sh and I packed up and came down here. she lived on the corner of Hollywood and Vine and the studio was just a block away. I had my first business venture there, selling lemonade in front of an orange grove across the street.

"My first picture was a dilly called 'Each Pearl a Tear.' It starred Fanny Ward and Lou Tellegen and I played Cupid. They gave me a ribbon for a costume and strung me on a wire. Every time the stars looked at each other, I flew in and shot them with an arrow."

Budding Ben's career boomed after that. His hair was kept long so he could play boy or girl roles. During the '20s, he starred in the "Penrod" series. His best-remembered role was in "All Quiet on the Western Front" in 1930. Universal wanted to sign him up, but the director advised him to hold out until the picture was released.

"When the picture came out, we all looked the same in the German helmets," he sighed. "Not only didn't Universal sign me, I didn't work for a year."

Ben quit films in 1936. Here's his story on how it happened:

"After being a wholesome boy on the screen for years, I suddenly got cast as a heavy. The last one I did was a lulu called 'Stag Mother.' In that one, Alice Brady beat me to death with a curling iron for attacking Maureen O'Sullivan.

"I've always been friends with Lew Ayres. Once his kid sister was visiting him from San Diego. When I walked into the room, she took one look and started screaming. I decided that was the end of my movie career. I didn't step inside a studio for 17 years."

Ben hooked up with radio as an announcer and got a degree in business at Stanford. With time out for aircraft carrier duty in the Pacific, he rose to become one of the West's best emcees of audience participation shows. He became the pet of the housewives.

A couple of years ago, he remarked to a radio friend Cliff Arquette, that he had two ambitions. One was to do a role in the Dragnet TV series. He can't remember now what the other one was.

Arquette relayed the remark to Jack Webb, who sent for Alexander. Ben expected to play a heavy, but it turned out Webb was seeking a new partner. All the others he had tested had been eager young actors who expected to use Dragnet as a steppingstone to their own shows.

Ben wasn't eager. He had had his fill of the movie business. Besides, he had some gas stations and a motel here and a boat in San Francisco Bay. He was intrigued with the hotel business and was negotiating for a hotel in Sausalito, across the bay from San Francisco. But he signed up with Dragnet and has been solving crimes in the quiet Webb manner ever since.

## The Negro Community

By Helen Turner
Phone 7-5830
Or bring items to Miss Turner at Hicks Funeral Home

The Annual Sun-Rise Christmas service will be held Friday, Dec. 25, at 6 a. m. at the Church of God In Christ.

911 Bell St. The Christmas program will be on Saturday night, December 26. The public is invited.

Mrs. Zadie Jones and Mrs. Leona Metcalf left Saturday night for Chicago, Ill., to attend the Funeral of their brother, Lee Johnson.

Mrs. Alice Stroughter left Saturday for Pontiac, Mich., to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

The following students of A. M. and N. College in Pine Bluff have arrived home to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents: Miss Eva P. Frierson, Miss Novis Williamson, Misses Rosie and Charlie Brandon, Miss Jean Stroughter Miss Mary P. Ward Cherwood Williamson and Chester Bowles.

Miss Louise Braham ,a student of Philander Smith College arrived Sunday night to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Ola Graham and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Larvester Walker of Richmond, Calif., have arrived to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Walker, and other relatives.

Miss Jean Goff of Washington, D. C. arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Goff, and other relatives in McCaskill.

The Annual Christmas service sponsored by the Negro Ministers Alliance will be held at BeeBee Memorial CME Church on Friday December 25, at 11 a. m. The Rev F. K. Powell will do the preaching. Music will be furnished by the various church choirs.

The Rev. G. Paschal of Bethel AME Church will be master of ceremonies.

## Henry Looks Like New Heavy Hopeful

BY JACK HAND

NEW YORK (AP)—Clarence Henry, back in action after a long layoff looks like an important new factor in the heavyweight picture.

Henry gave Bob Baker a sound thumping last night at Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway to win a unanimous decision in a 10-round match. it was his second bout in 18 months because he was shelved for over a year due to a damaged optic nerve. The fighter insists it was a shoulder inury but his manager and trainer admit it was the eye nerve, now completely healed.

"We'd like Earl Walls, Nino Valdes, Ezzard Charles or anybocy," said Manager Jimmy Wilson. "Of course, we'd like the champion too but we know we'll need a few more wins before we can start talking about that."

## Minneapolis Hungry for Newspaper

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — News-hungry residents of this city of more than half a million population lined up again last night to purchase copies of the Minneapolis Tribune, sold only in the newspaper's main lobby since an AFL teamsters' strike knocked out all truck deliveries.

The morning paper continued to publish but made no effort to deliver papers to homes or newsstands. Sales, made only in the lobby were limited to five copies per buyer.

Cut from the usual 620,000-run, only 75,000 copies of the Sunday edition were printed. All were sold by mid-afternoon. Last night sale of the Monday edition was brisk newsstands sold out all out-of-town papers they had.

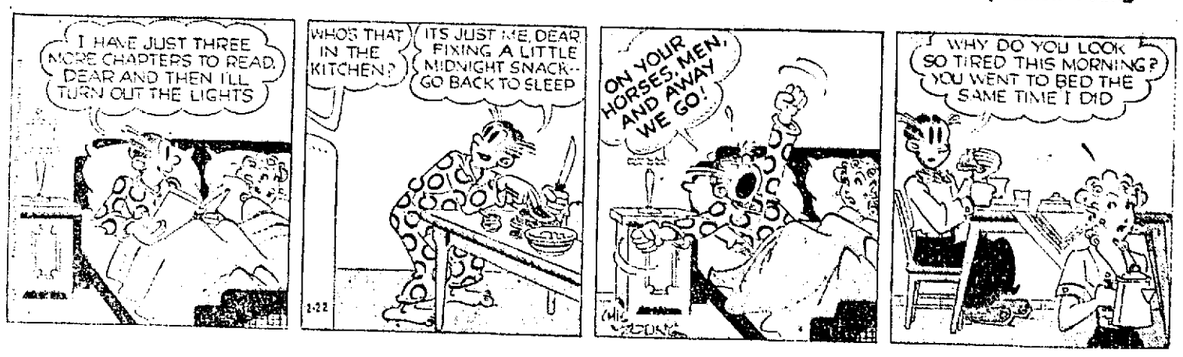
The Evening Star also will be affected by the walkout. The two papers are owned by the same company and printed in the same plant.

Company officers said they would continue publishing both newspapers as long as limited newsprint supplies last. The drivers now on strike ordinarily haul the newsprint rolls to the plant.

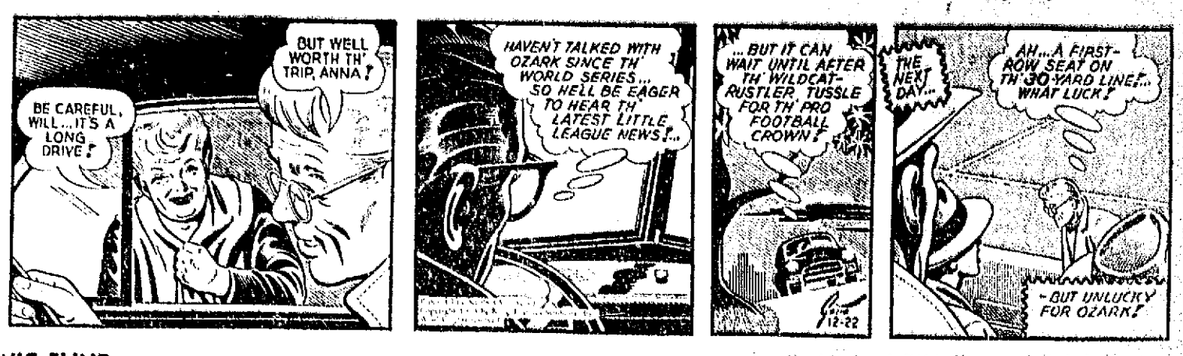
George Wilson, federal labor conciliator, planned to contact both sides today to attempt to reopen negotiations, halted since Friday.

The union seeks a weekly pay increase of $4.56 for day work and $6.46 for night work, plus fringe benefits. Last Wednesday it rejected a company offer of $3.04 and $4.18 respectively. The drivers had been paid 2.14 an hour ($60.94 a week) for a five-day, 38-hour week for day work and 2.18 ($82.84 a week) for night work.

BLONDIE By Chick Young




OZARK IKE By Ray Gotto




OUT OUR WAY By J. R. Williams


VIC FLINT By Michael O'Malley and Ralph Lane


## Nobel Winner

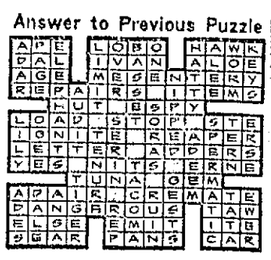
**ACROSS**

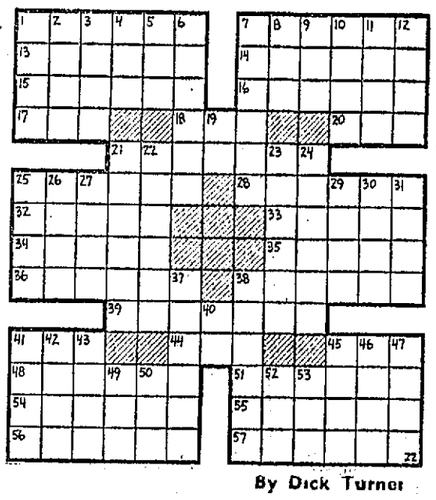
1 Winner of 1953 Nobel Prize for literature, ——— Churchill
7 He was British Prime Minister during the ——— World War
13 Form a notion
14 He is a renown ———
15 Irritate
16 Color
17 Dine
18 Kind
20 Stitch
21 Feign
25 Tally keeper
28 Trader
32 Garden spot in a desert
33 Rugged mountain crest
34 Vestige
35 Lariat
36 River
38 More succinct
39 Slippers
41 Theatrical sign
44 Male child
45 Entangle
48 Doctrines
51 Alleviation
54 Everlasting (poet.)
55 Makes into law
56 He ——— world esteem
57 Reiterate

**DOWN**

1 Obliterate
2 Notion
3 Bird's home
4 Burmese wood sprite
5 Follower
6 Weirder
7 Struck (slang)
8 Before
9 Vehicle
10 Elevator inventor
11 Proboscis
12 Sketched
19 Lieutenant (ab.)
21 Costs
22 Close again
23 Closer
24 Challengers
25 Drunkards
26 Two-wheeled vehicle
27 Eskers
29 Meadows
30 Feminine suffix
31 Erect
37 Falls to hit
38 More rigid
40 Accomplish
41 Plant part
42 Plexus
43 Heavy blow
45 Magistrate's staff
46 Things done
47 Trial
49 Assam silkworm
50 Powerful explosive
52 Individual
53 Race course circuit

Answer to Previous Puzzle





WASH TUBBS By Leslie Turner


OUR BOARDING HOUSE With Major Hoople


BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES By Edgar Martin


CARNIVAL By Dick Turner


"The thing I truly want the very most of all is to quit piano lessons!"

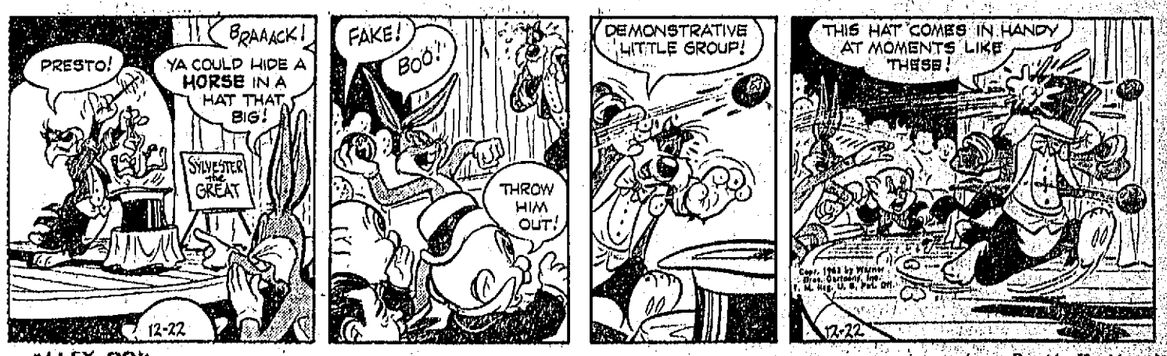
SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"Another woman driver!"

FUNNY BUSINESS By Hershberger

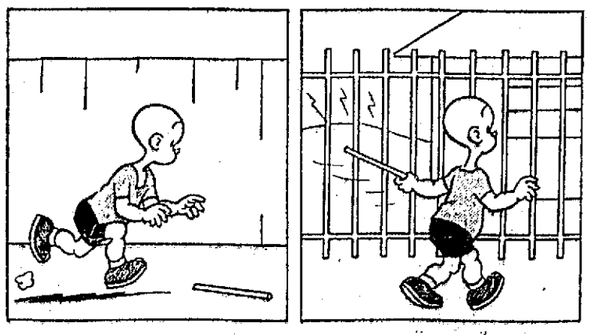

"Your husband's listening in at the Breeze-Inn cafe—he wants to hear your lecture, before coming home!"

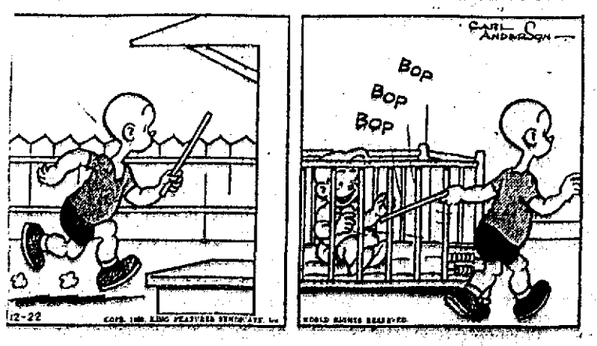
BUGS BUNNY




ALLEY OOP By V. T. Hamlin


CHRIS WELKIN, Planeteer By Russ Winterbotham




HENRY By Carl Anderson

THE STORY OF MARTHA WAYNE By Wilson Scruggs

# Legal Notice

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Hope, Arkansas, has adopted the ordinance hereinafter set out; that said City contemplates the issuance of the bonds described in said ordinance; that any person interested may appear before the Council on the 5th day of January, 1954, at 7:00 o'clock P. M. at the usual place of meeting of said Council and present protests. At such hearing all objections and suggestions will be heard and said Council will take such action as is deemed proper in the premises.

DATED this 15th day of December, 1953.

John L. Wilson
Mayor of the City of Hope

Attest:
Mrs. Chas. F. Reynerson
City Clerk

**ORDINANCE NO. 726**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL WATER AND ELECTRIC REVENUE BONDS BY THE CITY OF HOPE ARKANSAS; PLEDGING THE NET WATER AND ELECTRIC REVENUE FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; SETTING UP CERTAIN FUNDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Hope, in Hempstead County, Arkansas, owns and operates a municipal waterworks system and an electric light and power system and, in 1952, the City had the Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Consulting Engineers, of Kansas City, Missouri make a survey and prepare plans and estimates of cost, which are now on file with the City Clerk, for betterments and improvements to the two systems, but the City Council determined, after examining said plans, that they called for more extensive improvements than the Council deemed justified at that time, with the result that the City then issued bonds only for additional generating capacity and auxiliary equipment, but now the City deems it advisable to issue $75,000 in additional bonds to construct other betterments and improvements designed by said plans; and

WHEREAS, the revenues of the two plants for the fiscal year immediately preceding the passage of this ordinance, ending on the 31st day of December, 1952, have been sufficient in amount so that if they were deemed the total revenues of the systems after the contemplated betterments and improvements have been completed they will greatly exceed the maximum amount required in any year to pay the cost of operation, maintenance, and depreciation of the systems and the combined interest and principal maturity requirements of both the outstanding bond issues and the bonds of the proposed new issue, so that the City, by the terms of Section 13 of Ordinance No. 661, passed September 19, 1950, and of Section 8 of Ordinance No. 689, passed April 1, 1952, both of the City of Hope, is authorized to issue a series of additional bonds for betterments and improvements on a parity with the outstanding balances of the September 1, 1950 and the April 1, 1952 issues; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has negotiated a sale to W. R. Stephens Investment Company, Inc. of Little Rock, Arkansas, of the proposed $75,000 bond issue upon a basis of par and accrued interest for bonds bearing 3¼% interest per annum and the buyer will pay the cost of printing the bonds and the charges of the trustee bank and of the approving opinion of bond counsel, provided the buyer shall have the privilege of converting the bonds to bonds bearing lower rates of interest, upon condition that the City shall not receive less nor be required to pay more than it would receive or pay if the bonds were not converted, and subject to the approval of the Trustee and the City Council and

WHEREAS, the purchaser has elected to convert the bonds to $78,825 in bonds bearing interest as hereinafter set out, and has presented a computation showing that the cost of maturing the bonds after conversion is $151.73 less than the cost of maturing the bonds before conversion, and the buyer is ready to accept delivery of the bonds as soon as the City can deliver them, and the City in turn desires to make the improvements and betterments at as early a date as possible; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Hope, Arkansas:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby finds and declares that there is immediate need for the betterments and improvements to the municipal electric light and power system and the municipal waterworks system, and it is the determination of the City Council to make betterments and improvements to the extent of $75,000, according to the plans of the plans of the Consulting Engineers now on file in the office of the City Clerk, and the Council hereby finds and declares that the period of usefulness of the present system is more than forty years, which is longer than the term of the proposed revenue bonds. (The betterments and improvements are sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "Works," and the term "System" as used hereinafter shall mean the electric light and power and water systems after the Works have been completed.)

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby finds and declares that the title of the proposed issue of $75,000 in 3¼% bonds dated as of January 1, 1954, and maturing serially on April 1 of the years 1954 to 1982, both inclusive, is at a fair price and one that is allowed by law, and that the conversion of the bonds from 3¼% interest rate to $78,825 in bonds dated January 1, 1954, bearing interest and maturing as hereinafter set out, is in accordance with the terms of the agreement, and the cost to the City of maturing the bonds after conversion will be $151.73 less than the cost of maturing the bonds before conversion; and therefore both the sale of the bonds to W. R. Stephens Investment Company, Inc. of Little Rock, Arkansas, and the conversion of lower interest rates are hereby approved and confirmed.

SECTION 3. That water and electric revenue bonds of the City, hereinafter called "bonds" be issued in the total amount of $78,825, the proceeds of the sale of which shall be used to provide funds to pay the cost of the Works, including engineering, legal and other necessary expenses, the bonds to be numbered from 1 to 85, both inclusive, to be in the denomination of $1000 each, except No. 4, which shall be in the denomination of $825 and Nos. 2, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 36, 39, 64, 68, 72 and 85, which shall be in the denomination of $500 each, to be dated as of January 1, 1954, and to mature in numerical order on the first day of April in each of the following years, to-wit

| YEAR | BOND NOS (both inclusive) | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|
| 1954 | 1 and 2 | $1500 |
| 1955 | 3 and 4 | 1825 |
| 1956 | 5 and 6 | 2000 |
| 1957 | 7 and 8 | 2000 |
| 1958 | 9 and 10 | 2000 |
| 1959 | 11 and 12 | 2000 |
| 1960 | 13 and 14 | 2000 |
| 1961 | 15 and 16 | 2000 |
| 1962 | 17 and 18 | 2000 |
| 1963 | 19, 20 and 21 | 2500 |
| 1964 | 22, 23 and 24 | 2500 |
| 1965 | 25, 26 and 27 | 2500 |
| 1966 | 28, 29 and 30 | 2500 |
| 1967 | 31, 32 and 33 | 2500 |
| 1968 | 34, 35 and 36 | 2500 |
| 1969 | 37, 38 and 39 | 2500 |
| 1970 | 40, 41 and 42 | 3000 |
| 1971 | 43, 44 and 45 | 3000 |
| 1972 | 46, 47 and 48 | 3000 |
| 1973 | 49, 50 and 51 | 3000 |
| 1974 | 52, 53 and 54 | 3000 |
| 1975 | 55, 56 and 57 | 3000 |
| 1976 | 58, 59 and 60 | 3000 |
| 1977 | 61 to 64 | 3500 |
| 1978 | 65 to 68 | 3500 |
| 1979 | 69 to 72 | 3500 |
| 1980 | 73 to 76 | 4000 |
| 1981 | 77 to 80 | 4000 |
| 1982 | 81 to 85 | 4500 |

The bonds shall bear interest at the following rates per annum: Nos. 1 to 21, inclusive, at 2½%; Nos. 22 to 51, inclusive, at 2¾%; Nos. 52 to 85, inclusive, at 3%, interest payable on April 1, 1954, and semi-annually thereafter on the first day of April and October of each year; the bonds shall be signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the corporate seal of the City, the interest upon the bonds to be evidenced by coupons thereto attached which shall be signed by said Mayor by his facsimile signature, and said Mayor shall by the execution of the bonds adopt as and for his own proper signature his facsimile signature appearing on said coupons. The bonds and coupons shall be payable in such funds as at the time of the respective payments are legal tender for the payment of debts due the United States of America, at the office of the Worthen Bank & Trust Company of Little Rock, Arkansas.

The bonds, together with interest thereon, shall be payable solely out of the Water and Electric Revenue Bond Fund as hereinafter defined, and shall be a valid claim of the holders thereof only against such fund, and the amount of the revenues pledged to said fund, which amount of said revenues is hereby pledged and mortgaged to the Trustee hereinafter named for the equal and ratable payment of the bonds of this issue and of the issues dated September 1, 1950 and April 1, 1952, and shall be used for no other purpose than to pay the principal and interest of said three bond issues, except as hereinafter set out.

SECTION 4. Said bonds and coupons shall be in substantially the following form:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF ARKANSAS
COUNTY OF HEMPSTEAD
CITY OF HOPE
.....% Water and Electric Revenue Bond

No. ..... $

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That the City of Hope, in the County of Hempstead, State of Arkansas, for value received hereby promises to pay, solely from the special fund provided therefor as hereinafter set forth, to bearer, the sum of

..... DOLLARS

on the first day of April, 19 , with interest thereon at the rate of ..... per centum ( %) per annum from January 1, 1954, until paid, payable on April 1, 1954, and semi-annually thereafter on the first day of April and October of each year, upon presentation and surrender of the annexed coupons as they severally become due. Both principal hereof and interest hereon shall be payable in such funds as at the time of the respective payments are legal tender for the payment of debts due the United States of America, at the office of the Worthen Bank & Trust Company of Little Rock, Arkansas.

This bond is one of a series of bonds aggregating Seventy-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-five dollars ($78,825), all of like tenor and effect except as to number, denomination, interest rate, and maturity, dated as of January 1, 1954, numbered from 1 to 85, both inclusive, and issued for the purpose of constructing betterments and improvements to the municipal electric light and power system and waterworks system now serving the City of Hope (The waterworks and the light plant are hereinafter termed the "System.")

This bond and the series of which it forms a part are issued under authority of the statutes of Arkansas, and do not constitute an indebtedness of said City of Hope within any constitutional or statutory limitation. Said bonds are payable solely from a fixed amount of the gross revenues from the System, which amount shall be sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as the same become due and payable. Said amount has been duly set aside and pledged as a special fund for that purpose and identified as the "Water and Electric Revenue Bond Fund," created by Ordinance No. 622, duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Hope on April 20, 1948, and continued by the ordinance authorizing the bonds of this issue, and said City of Hope has fixed and has covenanted and agreed to maintain rates for water and electric services which shall be sufficient at all times to provide for the creation of separate depreciation funds for necessary replacements to said System, to provide for the payment of the reasonable expenses of operation and maintenance of said System, and to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds as the same become due and payable. These bonds share ratably the net revenues of the System with the outstanding balances of the Water and Electric Revenue Bond issue dated September 1, 1950, and of the Water and Electric Revenue Bond issue dated April 1, 1952.

The City of Hope hereby acknowledges receipt of payment in full for this bond and all other bonds of this issue, and hereby declares that it has no offset, counterclaim or defense to this bond or any of the other bonds of this issue.

The bonds of this issue are callable for payment prior to maturity in inverse numerical order at par and accrued interest, as follows: from surplus revenues derived from the operation of the System, on any interest paying date; from funds from any source, on any interest paying date on and after April 1, 1959. In the event a call is made, the City shall publish notice of such call for redemption once a week for two weeks in some newspaper of general circulation throughout the State of Arkansas and published in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, giving the number and maturity of each bond being called, the first publication to be at least fifteen days prior to the date fixed for redemption, and after the date fixed for redemption each bond so called will cease to bear interest, provided funds for its payment are on deposit with the paying agent at that time.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, RECITED AND DECLARED that all conditions, acts and things required to exist, to be performed, and to happen precedent to and in the issuance of this bond do exist, have been performed and have happened in due time, form and manner as required by law, and that sufficient of the income and revenue which is deemed to be derived from the operation of said System has been pledged to and will be set aside into said special fund for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds.

This bond shall not be valid until it shall have been authenticated by the certificate hereon, duly signed by the Worthen Bank & Trust Company of Little Rock, Arkansas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Hope, Arkansas, by its City Council, has caused this bond to be signed by the Mayor and City Clerk thereof and sealed with the corporate seal of said City, and has caused the coupons hereto attached to be executed by the facsimile signature of said Mayor, all as of the first day of January, 1954.

CITY OF HOPE, ARKANSAS
By .....
Mayor

(Seal)

Attest:
Mrs. Chas. F. Reynerson
City Clerk

(Form of Coupon)

No. $

On the first day of April October 19 , unless the bond to which this coupon is attached has been paid prior thereto, the City of Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas, promises to pay to bearer the sum of DOLLARS, solely out of the fund specified in the bond to which this coupon appertains, at the office of the Worthen Bank & Trust Company of Little Rock, Arkansas, in such funds as at the time of payment hereof are legal tender for the payment of debts due the United States of America, being interest then due on its water and electric revenue bond dated January 1, 1954 and numbered .....

CITY OF HOPE, ARKANSAS
By .....
Mayor

(The first coupon shall be for three months' interest; all other coupons shall be for six months' interest. Mayor's signature may be lithographed or engraved.)

On the back of said bonds is to appear the following:

CERTIFICATE

This is one of the 85 bonds aggregating $78,825 described within.

WORTHEN BANK & TRUST COMPANY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, Trustee
By .....
Vice President

Little Rock, Arkansas

SECTION 5. The Council has heretofore fixed the rates to be charged for the water and electric services to be furnished by the said systems, and the Council hereby finds them to be reasonable and the necessary minimum rates to be charged, and the Council hereby confirms and continues said rates.

And this Council further finds and declares that such rates as above mentioned will produce a total revenue sufficient to pay the total operation and maintenance expense of the System and provide for the payment of the bonds issued to finance the cost of the Works both principal and interest, as the same fall due and are payable, and to create all funds herein provided. The City agrees that if necessary said rates shall be increased in an amount sufficient to provide for the maintenance and operation of the System, an adequate reserve for depreciation, and the Water and Electric Revenue Bond Fund hereinafter described. Whenever it shall be made to appear to the Trustee that the earning capacity of the System is sufficiently large to justify it, a reduction may be made in the rates hereinabove described, by and with the consent of the Trustee and to continue for such time as the Trustee in its sole discretion may deem consistent with the ability of the City to meet bond and interest payments promptly; provided, no reduction in rates shall be made that will produce an estimated net revenue, after setting up necessary funds for operation, maintenance and depreciation of the System less than 125% of the average annual requirements for all the payment of principal and interest of all water and electric revenue bonds then outstanding, and although a reduction in rates may be granted, the original rates hereinabove described may be restored at any time later, upon the sole demand of the Trustee. The discretion of the Trustee shall be final, either as to granting, refusing, or terminating any reduction in rates.

SECTION 6. "Net revenues" from the operation of the System are defined to mean those operating revenues remaining after making adequate provision for operation, maintenance and repreciation of the System.

SECTION 7. **Water and Electric Revenue Bond Fund.** (a) There shall be paid by the City Treasurer from the net revenues into a fund designated Water and Electric Revenue Bond Fund (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "Bond Fund"), the sums in the amounts and at the times hereinafter stated in subsection (b) for the purpose of providing funds for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds as they mature according to the following schedule, and as a reserve for contingencies:

| YEAR | PRINCIPAL Apr. 1 of each year | INTEREST April 1 | & Oct. 1 of each year | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1954 | $1500.00 | $ 549.53 | $1080.31 | $3129.84 |
| 1955 | 1825.00 | 1080.31 | 1057.50 | 3962.81 |
| 1956 | 2000.00 | 1057.50 | 1032.50 | 4090.00 |
| 1957 | 2000.00 | 1032.50 | 1007.50 | 4040.00 |
| 1958 | 2000.00 | 1007.50 | 982.50 | 3990.00 |
| 1959 | 2000.00 | 982.50 | 957.50 | 3940.00 |
| 1960 | 2000.00 | 957.50 | 932.50 | 3890.00 |
| 1961 | 2000.00 | 932.50 | 907.50 | 3840.00 |
| 1962 | 2000.00 | 907.50 | 882.50 | 3790.00 |
| 1963 | 2500.00 | 882.50 | 851.25 | 4233.75 |
| 1964 | 2500.00 | 851.25 | 816.87 | 4168.12 |
| 1965 | 2500.00 | 816.88 | 782.50 | 4099.38 |
| 1966 | 2500.00 | 782.50 | 748.12 | 4030.62 |
| 1967 | 2500.00 | 748.13 | 713.75 | 3961.88 |
| 1968 | 2500.00 | 713.75 | 679.37 | 3893.12 |
| 1969 | 2500.00 | 679.38 | 645.00 | 3824.38 |
| 1970 | 3000.00 | 645.00 | 603.75 | 4248.75 |
| 1971 | 3000.00 | 603.75 | 562.50 | 4166.25 |
| 1972 | 3000.00 | 562.50 | 521.25 | 4083.75 |
| 1973 | 3000.00 | 521.25 | 480.00 | 4001.25 |
| 1974 | 3000.00 | 480.00 | 435.00 | 3915.00 |
| 1975 | 3000.00 | 435.00 | 390.00 | 3825.00 |
| 1976 | 3000.00 | 390.00 | 345.00 | 3735.00 |
| 1977 | 3500.00 | 345.00 | 292.50 | 4137.50 |
| 1978 | 3500.00 | 292.50 | 240.00 | 4032.50 |
| 1979 | 3500.00 | 240.00 | 187.50 | 3927.50 |
| 1980 | 4000.00 | 187.50 | 127.50 | 4315.00 |
| 1981 | 4000.00 | 127.50 | 67.50 | 4195.00 |
| 1982 | 4500.00 | 67.00 | ——— | 4567.50 |

(b) There shall be paid by the City Treasurer from the net revenues into the Bond Fund, in addition to the payments required by Section 8 of Ordinance No. 661 and Section 6 of Ordinance No. 689, both of the City of Hope, beginning on the first business day of the month after the delivery of the bonds and continuing on the first business day of each month thereafter until all the bonds with interest issued under this ordinance have been paid in full or provision made for such payment, a sum equal to 1/5 of the next installment of interest and 1/10 of the next installment of principal of the bonds of all issues then outstanding and the paying agent's fees; provided, however, that when the surplus amount in said Bond Fund reaches the sum of $22,000, the amount so payable each month into said Bond Fund may be reduced to 1/6 of the next installment of interest and 1/12 of the next installment of principal of all issues then outstanding and the paying agent's fees.

(c) The obligation to make the monthly payments hereinabove specified is a continuing one, so that if the net revenues of the System in any month are insufficient to make the required payment on the first day of the following month into the Bond Fund, then the amount of any deficiency in the payment made shall be paid out of the first available net revenues. All moneys in the Bond Fund shall be used solely for the purpose of paying the interest on and the principal of the bonds dated September 1, 1950 and April 1, 1952 and the bonds issued under this ordinance, with the paying agent's fees.

(d) The $22,000 accumulated in the Bond Fund over the annual principal and interest requirements shall be held in said Bond Fund as a reserve for contingencies and used solely as herein provided; provided, however, that when the moneys held in the Bond Fund, including the reserve for contingencies, shall be and remain sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on all the bonds then outstanding, the City Treasurer shall not be obligated to make any further payments into the Bond Fund. If for any reason the City Treasurer shall fail at any time to make any of such payments into the Bond Fund, any sums then held as a reserve for contengencies shall be used to the extent necessary in the payment of the interest on and the principal of the bonds, but such reserve shall be reimbursed from the net revenues as above defined, out of the first available moneys in said net revenues, after making the payments hereinabove required to be made. The reserve for contingencies may be invested in obligations of or fully insured by the United States Government, maturing not more than fifteen days after date of purchase.

SECTION 8. It shall be the duty of the City Treasurer to withdraw from the Bond Fund at least fifteen days before the maturity date of any bonds or interest coupons issued hereunder, and to deposit with the paying agent, an amount equal to the amount of such bond or coupon for the sole purpose of paying the same. Such deposit shall be at the sole risk of the City and shall not operate as a payment of the bonds or coupons until so applied.

SECTION 9. Nothing herein shall be construed in such manner as preventing the issuance by the City of additional revenue bonds to finance or pay the cost of constructing any future betterments and improvements to the System; provided, however, that in order to insure the payment of the interest on and principal of the bonds, the city shall issue such additional revenue bonds while any of the bonds of this issue remain outstanding only if, at the time of the passage of an ordinance authorizing the additional bonds, the revenues of the System for the fiscal year immediately preceding the passage of said ordinance shall have been sufficient in amount so that, if they were deemed to be the total revenues derived from the System after the then contemplated betterments and improvements had been completed, they would be at least equal to one hundred and twenty-five per centum (125%) of the maximum amount required to pay the cost of operation, maintenance, and depreciation of the System for the next ensuing fiscal year and to pay the average annual combined principal and interest maturity requirements of both the remainder of the present bonds and the bonds of the new issue.

SECTION 10. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the bonds and deliver them to the buyer upon payment of the full purchase price and accrued interest. The money received for accrued interest shall be paid into the Bond Fund. The balance of the money received for the bond issue shall be deposited in a special fund to be known as the "Construction Fund Account" in some bank or banks that is or are members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and each depository shall be required to furnish security for said funds either by a bond executed by a corporate surety company authorized to do business in the State of Arkansas and approved by the City, or by the escrow deposit of United States bonds. The money in the Construction Fund Account shall be used by the City solely for the purpose of paying the cost of the Works according to the plans therefor which are now on file, together with the necessary engineering, legal, and other expenses incidental to such construction; and except for legal and engineering costs, shall be paid out only on engineer's estimates, and each depository shall be notified of this requirement.

SECTION 11. For and in consideration of the purchase and acceptance of the bonds authorized by this ordinance and to facilitate their payment, with interest, the City agrees to the following terms:

(a) None of the facilities or services afforded by the System shall be furnished without a reasonable charge being made therefor. In the event that the City or any department, agency, or instrumentality thereof shall avail itself of the facilities or services afforded by the System, the reasonable value of the services and facilities so afforded shall be charged against the City or such department, agency, or instrumentality, and shall be paid for as the charges thereof accrue. The revenues so received from the City shall be deemed to be revenues derived from the operation of the System; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the City or any department, agency, or instrumentality thereof to avail itself of the facilities or services afforded by the System.

(b) The City will maintain the System in good condition and operate the same in an efficient manner and at a reasonable cost. So long as any of the bonds are outstanding, the City agrees to maintain fire, lightning and tornado insurance on the System in an amount which normally would be carried by a private company engaged in a similar type of business. These insurance policies are to be taken with companies approved by the Trustee, are to carry a clause making them payable to the Trustee as its interest may appear, are to be kept continuously in force, and either the original policies of insurance shall be placed in the custody of the Trustee or the Trustee shall be furnished evidence satisfactory to it that the policies have been issued and carry the loss payable to the Trustee clause. In the event of loss, the proceeds of such insurance are to be applied solely toward the reconstruction, replacement, or repair of the System. In such event the City will, with reasonable promptness, cause to be commenced and completed the reconstruction, replacement and repairs. Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the City to expend any funds for premiums on its insurance on the System which are derived from sources other than the operation of the System.

(c) The City Treasurer shall be the custodian of the revenues derived from the System, and shall give bond as such custodian. Such bond shall be in an amount not less than $5000.00 and shall be approved by the Trustee.

(d) All revenues from the System shall be deposited in such depository or depositories as may be lawfully designated from time to time, subject, however, to the giving of security by each depository as now or as hereafter may be required, and provided each such depository shall hold membership in the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. All deposits shall be made in the name of the City and be so designated as to indicate the particular fund to which the revenues belong. Payments from each fund set out in this ordinance shall be made by check or voucher signed by two duly designated persons and drawn on the depository in which the moneys in said fund shall have been deposited, and each such check or voucher shall briefly specify the purpose of the expenditure.

(e) The bonds, together with interest thereon, are not general obligations of the City nor do they constitute an indebtedness of the City within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision or limitaton, but shall be payable solely out of the Bond Fund and shall be a valid claim of the holders thereof only against said Fund, and the amount of the revenues pledged to said Fund, which Fund is hereby pledged for the equal and ratable payment of the bonds issued by authority of this ordinance and shall be used for no other purpose than to pay the principal and interest of the bonds as the same mature, except as provided in this ordinance.

(f) The System shall be operated upon a fiscal year basis, beginning January 1st of each year and ending and including the following December 31st.

(g) It is covenanted and agreed by the City with the holder or holders of the bonds, or any of them, that it will faithfully and punctually perform all duties with reference to the System required by the Constitution and statutes of the State of Arkansas, including the making and collecting of reasonable and sufficient rates lawfully established for services rendered by the System and applying the revenues therefrom to the respective funds herein created.

(h) So long as any of the bonds are outstanding, the City will not mortgage, pledge, or otherwise encumber the System or any part thereof or any revenues therefrom, except as herein provided, and will not sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of any substantial portion of the same. The obligations of the City set out in this ordinance, the pledge of revenues, and the City's agreement not to mortgage, pledge, or otherwise encumber the System, shall be made a matter of public record by having a certified copy of this ordinance recorded as a mortgage in the office of the Circuit Clerk and ex-officio Recorder of Hempstead County, Arkansas.

(i) The City will keep proper books of records and accounts (separate from all other records and accounts) in which complete and correct entries shall be made of any transactions relating to the System. The City agrees to have these records audited by an independent certified public accountant at least once each year, and it shall furnish the Trustee a copy of this audit. In the event that the City fails or refuses to make the audit, the Trustee may have the audit made, the cost thereof to be charged to the cost of operation.

(j) If there be any default in the payment of either the principal of or the interest on any of the bonds, the holder or holders of any of the bonds may enforce any mortgage lien granted by statute and may by proper suit compel the performance of the duties of the officials of the City, as set forth in the statutes authorizing the bonds. If there be default in the payment of the principal of or interest on the bonds or if the City shall fail to keep any other obligation which it herein assumes, and such default shall continue for thirty days thereafter, any court having jurisdiction in any proper action, which may be instituted either by the Trustee on behalf of all the bondholders, or by the holder of a bond in default, may appoint a receiver to administer the System on behalf of the City, with power to charge and collect rates sufficient to provide for the expenses of the receivership, the payment of the bonds and interest thereon, and for the payment of the operating expenses, and to apply the income and revenues in conformity with said statutes and this ordinance providing for the issuance of said bonds, but when all defaults are cured, the receivership shall be ended and the management and control of the System restored to the City.

(k) The City further covenants and agrees that if default is made in the payment of any bond or coupon, or if the City fails to meet any sinking fund requirements, the holder of such bond may declare that bond immediately due and payable and in default, and either the Trustee on behalf of all the bondholders or any bondholder for himself may institute suit to enforce the pledge lien herein granted. The failure to exercise this option upon any default shall not be a waiver of the right to exercise it upon any subsequent default.

(l) The bonds authorized hereby shall be callable for payment before maturity according to the terms set out in the bond form.

(m) The charges for paying bonds and interest coupons shall be ⅛ of 1% on principal and ¼ of 1% on interest; provided, the minimum fee from any semi-annual payment shall be one dollar. No withdrawal from the Bond Fund shall be made for any purpose other than the payment of bonds and interest, and the monthly deposits in the Bond Fund or with the Trustee shall be at the sole risk of the City and shall not operate as a payment of the bonds or coupons until so applied.

(n) The City hereby agrees to make all payments on bonds and interest only through the designated paying agent. All bonds paid or purchased, either at or before maturity, shall be canceled when such payment or purchase is made, together with all unmatured coupons appertaining thereto, shall be returned to the City, and shall not be reissued. All unpaid interest coupons maturing on or prior to the date of such payment or purchase shall continue to be payable to the respective bearers thereof.

(o) It is hereby declared that the provisions of this ordinance are separable, and if any provision of this ordinance shall for any reason be held illegal or invalid, it shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the ordinance.

(p) It is hereby declared that the provisions of this ordinance constitute a contract by and between the City and the holders of the bonds and interest coupons issued by authority hereof; and after the bonds have been issued and paid for, the terms of said provisions shall not be changed except with the written consent of the holders of all bonds and coupons then outstanding.

(q) Wherever reference is made in this ordinance to a Trustee, it shall refer to Worthen Bank & Trust Company of Little Rock, Arkansas. The said Trustee shall be responsible only for wilful misconduct in the execution of this trust. The recitals of fact herein contained, and contained in the bonds, except the recitals in the Trustee's Certificate, are statements of the City and shall not be construed as being made by the Trustee. The Trustee shall not be required to effect insurance against fire or damage to mortgaged property, nor to advance any money to pay insurance premiums, nor to pay any charges or special assessments against said property, nor to see that this pledge of revenue is properly recorded and kept in force as a pledge, nor shall it be required to take notice or be deemed to have had notice of any default of the City in the failure to perform any of the conditions of this ordinance, unless said Trustee shall have been specifically notified in writing of said default; nor shall it be required to take any action hereunder until it shall have been indemnified to its satisfaction by the holders of the bonds herein mentioned, or some of them, against loss or damage on account thereof. The Trustee is authorized in its discretion to release any real or personal property no longer used in the operation of the System. The holder or holders of a majority in value of the bonds at any time outstanding may at their option remove the Trustee and appoint a successor trustee, by an instrument duly acknowledged and filed for record in the office of the Circuit Clerk and ex-officio Recorder of Hempstead County. The Trustee may resign at any time upon ten days' written notice to the City Clerk. The successor trustee shall have all the rights and powers of the original appointed Trustee.

SECTION 12. The Mayor is hereby directed to publish for one insertion in the HOPE STAR, which is hereby found and declared to be a newspaper published in and of general circulation in the City of Hope, this ordinance, attached to a notice signed by him in substantially the following form:

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Hope, Arkansas, has adopted the ordinance hereinafter set out; that said City contemplates the issuance of the bonds described in said ordinance; that any person interested may appear before the Council on the Fifth day of January, 1954, at 7:00 o'clock P. M. at the usual place of meeting of said Council and present protests. At such hearing all objections and suggestions will be heard and said Council will take such action as is deemed proper in the premises.

DATED this 15th day of December, 1953.

John L. Wilson
Mayor of the City of Hope

Attest:
Mrs. Chas. F. Reynerson
City Clerk

SECTION 13. The bonds as herein authorized and the outstanding balances of the bond issues dated September 1, 1950, and April 1, 1952, share ratably in the net revenues of the System, and no provision of this ordinance shall be construed to impair or alter the security and source of payment granted the two earlier issues or the conditional pledge set out in Section 19 of Ordinance No. 651 of the City of Hope, passed April 18, 1950, pledging any amount of the surplus revenue of said System needed in any year to prevent a default in the issue of Sewer Revenue Bonds dated April 1, 1950.

SECTION 14. It is hereby ascertained and declared that there is immediate need, in order to protect the health and property of the inhabitants of the City, for the betterment and improvement of the waterworks system and the electric light and power system now serving the City of Hope, Arkansas; therefore, an emergency exists and this ordinance is necessary for the preservation of the public pence, health and safety, and shall take effect and be in force without delay from and after its passage.

Passed: December 15, 1953.

Published in Hope Star Dec. 22, 1953.

APPROVED:
John L. Wilson
Mayor

(Seal)

Attest:
Mrs. Chas. F. Reynerson
City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of Hope, Arkansas, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance passed by the City Council on the 15th day of December, 1953, at a duly called and constituted meeting at which more than two-thirds of the total number of members-elect of the Council were present and voted for said ordinance, which is now of record in Book 2, page 85, of the records of said City.

CERTIFIED under my hand and the seal of said City this 15th day of December, 1953.

Mrs. Chas. F. Reynerson
City Clerk

(Seal)

## Rules Man Can Collect Loan

LITTLE ROCK (AP)—The Arkansas Supreme Court held today that W. W. Matthews is entitled to collect $13,648 which he loaned to the Walters-Southland Institute, a Negro school in Phillips County.

Matthews, as bishop of the Arkansas and North Carolina jurisdictions of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, had supervision of the school between 1938 and 1948.

The school contended that shortages were discovered in accounts for these years. But Phillips Chancery Court and the Supreme Court decreed that any possibly shortages were more than offset by advances which Matthews made from personal funds to keep the institute operating.

Part of the judgment in favor of Matthews is secured by a deed of trust; the remainder is unsecured.

## Nation Blindly Depends on Its Leaders

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP) — Never before in the history of the country have the people had to depend so blindly on the military wisdom of its leaders.

The Russians have atom bombs, they may have hydrogen bombs, and the number of their troops under arms is impressive.

Nevertheless, the Eisenhower administration is planning to reduce the manpower of U. S. armed forces — with the exception of the Air Force — this year and still further next year.

The administration has two motives:

1. A desire to keep campaign promises by reducing expenses.

2. More reliance on new weapons and the special teams and planes to deliver them.

Since the wisdom of these decisions may not be known for years, it has to be assumed meanwhile that the military planners know what they are doing.

We are told that scientific development of new weapons since World War II has been astonishing, changing the old concepts of fighting a war. What the new developments are, what can be expected of them necessarily is known only to the military people, the President, his close advisers and the atomic experts.

In the atomic field the size and power of the bombs are not known by the public. They can't even be imagined. Laymen knew only that they are many times more powerful than those dropped on Japan.

Some idea of their power although still beyond the ability of the lay mind to comprehend, was given by President Eisenhower in his Dec. 9 speech to the United Nations.

He said the United States stockpile of atomic weapons today "exceeds by many times the explosive total of all bombs and all shells that came from every plane and every gun in every theater of war through all the years of World War II."

And as a warning to the Russians he said anyone who tried an attack would be repaid quickly by having his homeland laid waste.

This was an expression of confidence which the public now knowing the details, must take on faith. Military power was something which could be understood better in World War II.

Then there were few mysteries. It was generally understood that if you had enough troops, guns, ships, planes and traditional bombs your chances of winning were pretty good.

Everyone had pretty much the same sort of thing, more or less. And there was no great mystery about the bombs. The bigger they were, the more powerful they were and the more danage they could do.

This country no doubt has a greater supply of atomic weapons than the Russians since the United States has been building them longer. In time the Russians may have enough for wartime needs, if they don't now.

When that happens both sides having sufficient bombs to blast each other off the earth may have to revise all over again their ideas about warmaking, looking for still newer ways to do it, unless in the meantime they can agree to let each other stay alive.

## Mother's Appeal Sent to Her Son

PANMUNJOM (AP) — An appeal from a Texas mother to "come back to your country and to your God" arrived today for delivery to her son, Sgt. Howard G. Adams, one of 22 American war prisoners who remained with the Communists.

The message from Mrs. J. H. Adams of Corsicana was broadcast to Tokyo and relayed to Panmunjom by The Associated Press. It was handed to the Indian command, which presumably will give it to Sgt. Adams if he is willing to accept it.

Mrs. Adams walked into the studios of radio station WFAA in Dallas yesterday. The station helped her record the message for broadcast to the Far East.

Her brief message:

"Dearest Gayle: I want to send this Christmas message to you. I had hoped and prayed that you would be on your way home by now.

"It is going to be a very sad Christmas for us unless you decide to come home. You have always had courage to do the right thing, so please have that courage now.

"We all love you very much and are praying every day that you have thought things over and will come back to your country, and to your God.

"I love you. Mother."